



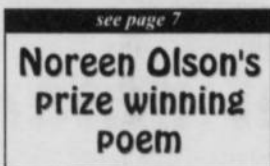
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Task Force and Health Authority seek common ground

Six members of a community task force chaired by Evan Parliament met with Regional Health Authority #5 board members on January 27 in an exchange that Parliament said "went well".

Parliament opened the dialogue by saying the meeting was arranged to clarify and better understand the future and the role of Didsbury District Health Services (DDHS). He stressed that the group was not intended to be confrontational, but was representative of a cross section of concerned area citizens seeking answers to better understand what faces the community and the board.

Questions posed by the Task Force included: How important is the Didsbury facility within the regional framework and what plans does the board have in mind for it; What impact will program

discontinuation have; How are funds designated for the Didsbury facility to be allocated and handled; and a request for clarification on budget and funding monies.

Parliament noted that DDHS serves over 20,000 people, noting that while the Drumheller hospital "has our support" it does not, and will not ever serve the western region. Parliament said after reading the business plan, Task Force members and the community at large still have questions and concerns regarding short and long term plans for the facility. One concern was that Didsbury would become a future long term care facility.

RHA Chief Executive Officer Jim Ramsbottom noted that Didsbury joined the balance of the region in the final planning

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THE PAST REVISITED

Students in Catherine Klein Hofmeyer's Grade 3 class at Ross Ford Elementary School were treated to a glimpse into what students experienced in a Didsbury country school in the 1930s by David Smith last week. Smith attended a one room country school (now marked only by a spring and some broken concrete) one mile west and half a mile north of the Neopolis Cheese site, east of Didsbury. The children learned that despite differences in facilities, many of their experiences were surprisingly similar. For more on this story see page 6.

Photo by Elaine Wilson

Town cracks down on delinquent utility accounts

By Elaine Wilson

Utility companies the world over share the difficulty of collecting on overdue and unpaid balances owing. The Town of Didsbury faces the same problem with an added responsibility: amounts written off become the burden of the taxpayer.

Two recommendations from administration were presented to council last Tuesday night at the regular town council session dealing with the issue. The first in-

involved making property owners ultimately responsible for payment of utility billing amounts. The second introduced an addition to the late payment policy.

"The problem the Town of Didsbury has is, we have an outstanding receivable problem with utilities," CAO Evan Parliament said. "People are walking away

and we're losing them."

Wes Yeoman said the problem was aggravated by the fact that it is difficult (and, in some cases, impossible) at an estimated 50 per cent of Didsbury occupancies to physically shut off water supply.

Sandra Veenstra, Director of Corporate Services noted that making the landlord responsible for collection from tenants would provide avenues of recourse for collection by administration.

Coun. Moore Anderson ques-

tioned the prudence of the recommendation, explaining the limitations imposed on collecting deposits as landlords and asking how landlords would monitor payments (or lack of same) by their tenants. Robert Wigg suggested landlords could check with the town to see if payments were up to date.

Parliament said town staff would make every attempt to shut off water at the 60 day point of delinquency when that option was available augmented by attempts to contact the account holder with a reminder that payment was due to ensure the account did not deteriorate to the point of becoming an uncollectible receivable.

"The issue is that every year in the past this town has written off ugly amounts of outstanding receivables in utilities from people who've just left Didsbury and hung us out to dry," Parliament said.

"We're talking about taxpayers' money we're giving away," Coun. van Dam remarked.

Mayor Ray Lea opened the floor to questions from the gallery.

"You cannot, as a landlord, take a deposit to cover utilities," said Curley Boyda. "I'm not allowed to... withhold payment of their security deposit to cover that. You're shifting the onus onto the landlord, basically making it open season on landlords. We don't have much for rights, and it's a mar-

ginal industry as it is, without taking the heat, and there's no way to collect it. If I have to write it off, I'm not happy. If you have to write it off, you're not happy. But that's why we went to the deposit system. Canadian Western, AGT, Transalta, they all take deposits. If we keep shifting the onus back onto the landlord, or back onto the taxpayer, we're not really going ahead, we're causing grief and adding more hassles."

When it appeared that no further discussion was forthcoming, so the question was called.

The motion "That, effective March 1, 1997, utility accounts be registered in the name of the

landlord and that landlords be responsible for the collection of utility charges from their tenants" was passed by council.

A motion to amend Policy #1210, which deals with late payment penalties relating to utility bills was also passed by council. The amendment incorporates a clause where the \$80 deposit taken on new accounts will now be applied to the utility account after a period of 30 days. The amount would then be treated as a normal charge to the utility account, subject to interest charges of 1.5 per cent per month. The refundable deposit amount will not include interest.

Fatality recorded in Cremona

Didsbury RCMP are continuing investigation into an accident that claimed the life of a Cremona man last Thursday evening.

Alfred J. Lindberg was pronounced dead at the scene after being struck by a vehicle proceeding west on Railway Avenue at 8 p.m., January 29. At press time it was not determined why Lindberg was laying prone in the roadway when struck by the oncoming vehicle, however, Cpl. Vaughn Christensen said charges are not expected to be laid against the driver.

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Trial deferral angers judge

By Elaine Wilson

A former Olds College student who'd been instructed last fall to be prepared to proceed with his trial on January 29, appeared in Didsbury court last Wednesday without a lawyer, provoking a rebuke from the presiding judge.

Judge W. N. Gilbert asked Jonathan Smith, 31, if he had secured legal representation. Smith replied that he'd hoped to engage a lawyer he knew in British Columbia but had not been able to do so.

Gilbert asked Smith if he'd inquired whether the lawyer he'd hoped to engage from B.C. was even licensed to practice law in Alberta. Smith said he thought so but wasn't sure.

Gilbert said Smith had had plenty of time to make other arrangements.

"Isn't this wonderful?" Gilbert said to Smith, reminding him that many attending court had altered their schedules to accommodate the trial date.

All officers involved and all witnesses but one were in court awaiting commencement of the trial.

Smith said that he'd been

in New York when the announcement had been made in court by the presiding judge (back on October 29, 1996) that the trial was to proceed without further delay on January 29, 1997.

"You've had a long time to do something," Gilbert said, calling for a brief recess to make his decision as to whether the trial would proceed or be put forward.

Upon returning, Judge Gilbert apologized to the witnesses gathered in the court room, advising he'd decided "with some reluctance" to reschedule Smith's trial to February 10, 1997.

Smith faces a number of charges relating to an incident reported as an assault and disturbance at 12:15 a.m. at Old College on September 22, 1996, (which members of both the Olds and Didsbury detachment attended) including: Assaulting a Police Officer, Assault causing bodily harm, Sexual Assault, Assault with a weapon, Theft under \$5,000 and Mischief Under \$5,000.

Smith's first court appearance dates back to September of 1996.



Jonathan Daniel Smith, facing a number of charges dating back to September, 1996, left court last Wednesday after his trial was rescheduled to Monday February 10.

Photo by Elaine Wilson

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stages. Ramsbottom said that it was conceivable that in future the Didsbury hospital might look at enhancing ambulatory care. Active care occupancy at 15 patients seemed reasonable. Ramsbottom said RHA#5 will be meeting with Calgary RHA#4 in three months time, and both regions would seek ways and means to best manage patient/physician referrals, medical care and transfers.

Hospitals "overbedded" with long term care residents were Didsbury and Drumheller. Didsbury bed numbers have already been adjusted; Drumheller is to cut back long term care beds in 1998 or 1999.

The business plan for Didsbury involves tearing down the auxiliary wing and hallway within five years, with the intention of adding an extended care pod. Plans to mobilize assisted living will not be addressed until after the provincial election.

The board was asked to consider the wisdom of investing money into major facility revamping without first considering how the current facility could best be

utilized. It was suggested that the needs of Didsbury and surrounding area be more completely investigated before drastic facility or service changes were implemented. It was suggested that there was no need to rush into anything and that there was definitely a need for dialogue prior to making changes that will impact on area residents.

Clarification was requested on how the region warranted long term bed cut backs in the face of numbers of prospective residents waiting for entry.

The wisdom of cutting back programs to save money was questioned as revenue was also lost.

One board member responded that the board looks at operating room viability as a regional responsibility noting that the Strathmore facility operating room had been closed.

Another board member promised to work on improving communication to keep Didsbury residents apprised of plans for the facility and the area.

One board member compared small town hospitals to a "night

light" noting that while it was comforting to know they were there, people tended to drive past them to city hospitals when seriously ill.

Ramsbottom said he acknowledged the difficulty of attracting physicians to rural communities, suggesting possible reasons for the difficulty and posing solutions (including arranging to engage physicians on, for example, two year rotations).

One board member noted that the day surgery cost in Didsbury was almost double that catalogued in Calgary due to volume and cost differentials.

Parliament asked the board if they had any "good news" to share with the Task Force.

One member of the board said members hoped to demonstrate that they had Didsbury's best interests at heart.

Parliament concluded that the Task Force will request this issue be "placed on the agenda for the time being".

Task Force members met Monday, February 3 to consider options and prepare for the public meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial Complex here in Didsbury.

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Year end crime stats released

Sgt. Ray Gaultier of the Didsbury RCMP compiles year end statistics comparing the previous year (1995) to the year just ended (1996) on an annual basis. Along with his report, Gaultier made the following comments:

"Our overall work load remains virtually the same or has dropped somewhat. Of significance is our overall Criminal Code work load (which has) dropped by 30 per cent. Assaults Level One have dropped 55 per cent, along with sexual assaults (by 56 per cent). Our break and enters have dropped by 26 per cent."

"On the other hand, our motor

vehicle thefts have risen from five to eight, but nothing significant [enough] to create a concern. Our thefts over \$5,000 have dropped [from 50 per cent- in the case of theft from motor vehicles, right up to] 100 per cent [regarding bicycle theft]."

Theft under \$5,000 has decreased despite a number of shoplifting incidents, and possession of stolen property notched three over last year's report of two.

"Cheque frauds have risen from three to ten. I will monitor this in the upcoming year to see if there is an increase. Perhaps a seminar on cheque frauds could be set up to

educate businesses."

"Property damage under \$5,000 offenses have decreased by 42 per cent which is significant as it is always a concern in a small town."

Other statistics released follow. Persons charged with Criminal Code offenses decreased by 48 per cent. Weapons-related offenses decreased by 67 per cent.

Federal charges were up a total of eight per cent with drug-related charges rising 13 per cent.

Provincial charges were up most significantly in the Liquor Act area, from 42 in 1996 as compared to 27 in 1995. Overall, however, provincial offenses were

down by 12 per cent.

Thirty-seven responses to enforce Municipal bylaws were logged in 1996 as compared to 43 in 1995, dropping off a total of 14 per cent.

Traffic incidents and violations in 1996 basically paralleled the previous year, with very little variation, with a few exceptions. Collisions were up by seven per cent. Failure to stop jumped from 13 to 20, and RCMP members will be monitoring this in 1997. Moving traffic violations dropped to 225 from 247, a reduction of nine per cent. Non-moving traffic violations went from 24 in 1995 to 37 in 1996, a reflection of action taken earlier

in the year to tow away abandoned vehicles. The fine for driving without insurance has risen to a hefty \$2,500- which may alter future statistics. However, in 1995, insurance charges numbered 11; in 1996 the number rose to 19. Criminal Code traffic charges mirror each other almost exactly. Dangerous Operation of Motor Vehicle offenses moved to two from one the previous year.

The remaining four categories registered equivalent statistics over both years: Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle- 15; Driving Over .08- 11; Refuse Breath Test- 2; and Driving While Prohibited to do so- 1.

Town council notes

Willard Swalm's motion that the week of February 2 - 8 be proclaimed International Development Week in the Town of Didsbury was ratified by council.

Responding to a communique from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, council approved a motion conveying support of the renewal of the national infrastructure program to federal and provincial government leaders.

Members appointed to a "Protective Services Committee" struck in the wake of the corporate review: Gary Dolha and Gayle Veno from Didsbury town council, in addition to the fire chief, RCMP staff sergeant, the Director of Disaster Services, an ambulance service rep, the CAO and Director of Corporate Services. The committee will be charged with reviewing policy upon request by council and to investigate, review and develop policy recommendations to council for municipal fire protection services, municipal policing and ambulance services, E-911 and disaster services.

The interim operating budget was presented to council with a codicil that all numbers contained were estimates. With numerous variables and final figures still unavailable, administration prepares the annual interim operating budget to fulfil the requirements dictated by section 242 of the Municipal Government Act. The Act requires municipal councils to adopt the interim budget to allow them to carry on the business of the town until the final operating budget is adopted. A special meeting to review the proposed 1997 Operating and Capital budgets

was scheduled for March 4, 1997, at 7 p.m.

Council acknowledged receipt of a letter dated January 8, 1997, from Regional Health Authority 5 CEO, Jim Ramsbottom advising that board policy dictated that RHA#5 board meeting minutes not be sent to town council as requested. Instead, the minutes could be obtained through the municipal library. "It was felt that this method of distribution will save the region substantial dollars yet still provide the availability to the public," an excerpt read.

DISTINCTIVE HAT OFFERS CLUE

A hat left behind at the scene of a week end break and enter may provide the clue that will solve the investigation now under way by Didsbury RCMP members.

On Monday, February 3, between the hours of midnight and 7 a.m.,

Hugh Sutherland School in Carstairs was broken into. Items stolen included a 27-inch Panasonic television set, a VCR, and a MacIntosh computer/ keyboard and printer.

Left at the scene was a white Tilley hat, with a logo on front reading: "Tim Short Memorial Golf Tournament"- most likely belonging to one of the persons responsible.

Anyone with information on the crime described or on persons thought to own the hat pictured are asked to contact the Didsbury RCMP detachment at 335-3382, or CrimeStoppers.

Attention drawn to "no parking"

By Sgt. R. Gaultier

We would like to draw to the attention of the Town of Didsbury and area residents that the Town has erected a "No Parking" sign on the east side of the post office building in the back alley area.

For quite a while we have been having parking problems in this zone whereby drivers left their cars parked in the back alley, while they went about their business at the post office. The sign reads "No Parking Fire Lane".

This zone will be enforced and offenders fined and vehicles towed if applicable.

As well we are encountering problems in the business area where drivers are parking within five meters of an intersection.

Although at most times the curb is painted yellow, this year these curbs have been for the

most part covered under the snow, these infractions can still be prosecuted, even though the yellow part is not visible.

Drivers should take particular care, as the parked vehicle could be the cause of an accident, due to visibility problems.

Missing boy found

On Wednesday, January 29, 1997 late in the evening, a 15-year-old boy was reported missing by his mother. The boy had failed to return home to their residence located approximately 10 km south of Sundre, Alberta.

The boy had apparently decided to walk home from school with another friend. When the boy's friend decided to return on foot back to Sundre, they were a couple of kilometers southwest of town.

A preliminary search of the vicinity by friends of the family failed to locate the boy.

RCMP, Sundre and Rocky Mountain House Civilian Search and Rescue teams, along with other volunteers/agencies from the area were utilized in a ground search near Sundre.

At about 4 a.m. January 30, 1997, approximately five hours after the matter was first reported to police, the missing 15-year-old boy was located alive in the bush about five kilometers southwest of Sundre.

He was taken to the Sundre General Hospital where he was treated and released. Outside temperatures overnight were mild and very near zero degrees Celsius. At the request of the family, the name of the missing youth is not being released by police.

RCMP Sundre detachment commander, Sgt. W.P. McGhie said the assistance of those involved in this operation was much appreciated.



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On January 26, 1997, an accident occurred at 11:35 a.m., near Balzac, Alberta on Highway 2 southbound. The accident involved a Servepro van and flatbed tow truck.

Investigation reveals the possibility a witness to these events was parked on the west shoulder of the road. The description of this vehicle is believed to be a red foreign type or red van type of unit. We are urgently requesting the driver or occupants of this vehicle to contact the RCMP in Airdrie. We believe their observations of this incident will assist us in determining what took place on this date. It is requested that parties contact Airdrie RCMP Cst. John F. Baker, or Cst. D. Burbridge, at 948-5912, or through Calgary CrimeStoppers. The public's assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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EDITORIAL / OPINIONS

Wistful wishes



Elaine
WILSON

Much has been written about the functional benefits of interaction between the younger generation and their senior counterparts. One high profile fast food chain made a special effort to pair seniors with teens several years back in the food prep area with promising results.

One of the keynote speakers at Westglan school's Remembrance Day Service pointed to the veterans on the dias asserting today's youth owed them their respect and thanks, but even more - they owed it to themselves to listen to the poignant insights these individuals safeguard.

Didsbury's historical society works at preserving local representative items and data. Those who have taken advantage of the opportunity to visit this historical site were likely quite surprised to discover the range of what's actually in there. We're on the fast track.

We don't have enough time to take the dog for a walk, how can we find time in busy schedules to listen to stories and look at "old stuff"?

We have school assignments, deadlines, office meetings, families, service club obligations, and daytimers crammed with appointments and commitments through to the end of the year. I know how it is.

I sympathize and I empathize.

That noted, I count myself doubly lucky to have been invited to hear David Smith address a Grade 3 class at Ross Ford Elementary last week.

I fully intended to snap a quick photo and dash off to cover whatever would be most certainly waiting for me upon returning to the Review office. I'd commandeered the teacher's desk to write notes on and I meant to get out of her way at the first opportunity.

Instead I found myself resting my chin on my palm and chewing thoughtfully on the end of my pencil as the children posed question after interesting question.

Stuck basically in the middle of the two generations facing each other I found the perspective fascinating.

Clear pictures were drawn of young students completing homework assignments, bathed in the light of an oil lamp, and by the blue glow of a computer screen.

You can feel the bite of the cold on toes dangling from the bare back of a pony or from the seat of a rumbling yellow school bus on a frosty winter day.

Baseball at recess is the same game today as it was three decades ago and older kids lordling their exasperating brand of wisdom and superiority over the little guys churns up emotions and memories for everyone who's ever entered a school building.

We have so much to share with each other.

It would sure be nice if we had the time to enjoy it.

In a perfect world, the more 'David Smiths' willing to share their experiences, and the more 'Catherine Klein Hofmeyers' willing to give up their desks in the pursuit of it, the richer we'd all become.

But now, if you'll excuse me, I have a meeting I must get to...

Net notes

From the "It was only a matter of time" department: Did you know God has an email address? An Israeli internet company delivers printed email messages to Jerusalem's Wailing Wall in keeping with a tradition of tucking papers inscribed with prayer messages into crevices in the structure. The service is accessible through the Virtual Jerusalem home page at <http://www.virtual.co.il>.

Let's talk taxes

Surpluses relieving pressure before renovations complete

By James Forrest,
Executive Director,
Canadian Taxpayers
Federation

\$23 million, \$324 million, \$1.7 billion, \$2.25 billion, maybe even \$2.7 billion...the surplus for 1996-97 just keeps on going and going and going...to reduce net debt. With spending interests becoming bolder, exerting pressure on politicians anxious to appear generous with an election looming, taxpayers thank their lucky stars that Alberta has a balanced budget law stating: "actual revenue...greater than the estimated revenue calculated for budget purposes...may only be used to reduce debt..."

Alberta's the place to be again! The deficit monster has been crushed, replaced by sweet surpluses, through spending reductions, fortunate energy-led revenue growth and low interest rates. Alberta's net debt has fallen. Not surprisingly (except to those who predicted spending cuts would cause chaos), the economy is booming and billions of dollars of job and wealth-creating investments have been attracted. A drop in oil prices now would be less disastrous than it was last decade; the economy is on its way to becoming more resilient and broadly-based.

That's right: relatively low taxes, fiscal stability, regulatory reform and less intrusive govern-

ment are the economic diversification ticket, not loans, subsidies, guarantees, and high-spending, meddling government. Alberta's Heritage Fund is even being put on a solid footing for the future, rather than being abused as a cash cow for current consumption. Some minor tax relief is on the way.

Wow! What's next?

How about continued fiscal restraint, focusing of government's role and aggressive debt reduction; continued analysis of activities with an eye to privatization, contracting out, even getting out; continued reform of the public sector, introducing competitive incentives, rewarding efficiency and striving for optimal service delivery; and more substantial tax cuts and even reform?

It seems that path has been left.

Take the economic development strategy released recently. It sounds like it advocates less intrusive government. But when read carefully, it contemplates continued government involvement in the economy, merely less direct. Rather than loans, guarantees and grants, the government intends to use "Alberta's tax policies as a tool for stimulating economic growth, investment..."

The tax system should be a "tool" only for raising revenues, in the fairest, simplest, most

transparent, and least distorting way possible. Selective tax breaks - government interference distort choices made by investors and assist certain industries instead of allowing the free market to allocate resources to their best uses, creating the most wealth for society. Alberta's tax policy should be an all-out attempt to cut taxes - for everybody.

Fiscal management? Rather than paying off the debt as fast as possible, reducing interest costs and providing more flexibility, the government is increasing program spending.

Restructuring? While the government has promised to shrink administrative costs, the pressure is off to address other lower priority spending. Expo 2005? Flights on government planes? National Infrastructure Program II the government claims to understand that the private sector, not governments, creates jobs, and that Ottawa needs to curtail expenses, yet they're interested? Changing the fundamental nature of health and education has been abandoned too.

Worst of all, that balanced budget law mentioned earlier no longer applies after 1996-97. It is replaced by a less restraining law, which only requires that any year-end surplus must be applied to debt. Revenue surges, such as being currently experienced, can be spent.

Farmer-financed featherbedding

By Peter Holle
Prairie Centre President

While big government advocates still dominate the Liberal Party, in some respects they have returned to their roots, when as Whigs they created the foundations for modern prosperity by embracing a free economy. Former Transport Minister Doug Young led the charge with moves to get the bureaucracy out of running the transport sector. Over the last few years federal Transport bosses have shed control of airports, seaports, the CNR and other assets.

In most cases, these businesses are natural monopolies by virtue of geography, with only marginal competition from other transport suppliers. But experience shows that if we need a monopoly, we're better off if it's a local, decentralized one. By their nature, large, bureaucratic organizations always become self-serving and very expensive. If air and marine authorities become locally control-

led, they typically have more incentive to control costs and promote increased traffic.

But it's a complicated task. Take the grossly over-regulated grain transport sector in western Canada. Never mind, for now, the end of rail freight subsidies. Freer rail hauling will eventually save farmers a lot of money. Down the line, a lot of the grain passes through the marine system. Here farmers get robbed paying for another regulatory relic at the ports.

Twenty-five years ago, when the Liberals were enthralled with socialist intervention, they passed a law which ensured that shippers (and prairie farmers) got ripped off big time. They established a very expensive and inflexible system of pilotage. Ship pilots are the chaps who know how to get big vessels through lakes, locks and river channels and to the docks. Captains from other places hire local people with specialized

knowledge to provide this service.

In 1972, the feds divided Canada into four Pilotage Authorities. They require all ships passing through their territory to use their personnel, and, as monopolies, they charge very high fees for the privilege. Ship owners must pay every pilot about \$5,200 a day for the really big vessels. It costs around \$63,000 in pilot fees to get just one load through the Seaway system. Farmers get double hosed with an archaic arrangement called double-pilotage. They get to pay for two pilots when the water temperature falls below 24 degrees centigrade. All pilots command six-figure salaries.

To keep prices high, the Authorities also restrict supply, with stiff controls on the training and licensing of new pilots. Taxpayers pick up any losses. Periodically, if they're unhappy, the pilot monopoly strikes and stops traffic altogether. This set-up

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FROM THE MAILBAG

Oh Canada

Dear Editor:

This morning I was handed a newspaper clipping informing me of a toll free number which if dialled would connect me to an office, (presumably one of Ms. Copps offices) and they would send me a flag of Canada. I would have loved to display and admire such a beaut, since I have been an admirer of Canada and a supporter of Canada all my life, though I have rarely displayed the flag. I even took Canadian flags to a meeting I attended in the United States and displayed them around the meeting hall at the desks of other Canadians. Both the Canadians and the Yanks appreciated and thanked me for the gesture.

Yesterday my adventuresome

wife actually dialled the number several times and it was always busy.

Well, today I dialled this number at her suggestion, and was greeted by an immediate disconnect. I redialled. This time the phone kept ringing and after about five rings it was answered in a burst of rapid French, none of which could be understood by one with only high school French. It was quite a lengthy announcement, after which a heavily accented voice declared the lines all busy, please hold. After about five minutes I couldn't hold it any longer and concluded nobody cared whether I had a flag or not and if I got one it would probably be blue and white.

Yesterday someone from the Department of Agriculture called and

the voice was so heavily accented, (not French, something else), that it was barely understandable. I know, people of other cultures also must work and live, but when the bureaucrats, lately from Ottawa, hire people to communicate with others and represent both them and the government, I would think it may be better if they could be understood. Could it be that not understanding is better?

I am quite disappointed to learn that the place to which I have sent many thousands of dollars would respond in this manner. I have never before publicly criticized one of my representatives, or written them a letter. I have paid my way, obeyed the laws, valued my citizenship and enthusiastically sang the national an-

them on countless occasions, but when the direction is reversed, the bureaucracy seems to hold only contempt for a benefactor such as this poor taxpayer.

Now I have finally crossed the line and written a letter to Ms. Copps. Ms. Copps shouldn't bite the hand that feeds her. I need to feel welcome in Canada too.

Politicians attain the positions they hold because somehow they gained the confidence of enough people to get elected. If they ignore those who sent them, they will finally estrange lowly citizens from their country. Then they may lose an election and have to subsist on Royal Commissions etc.

I don't need any more slaps in the

face from bureaucrats or their departments, like that of our Deputy Prime Minister or from Allan Rock who goes his own way regardless of what Canadians think. Or Paul Martin who wants to fool around with the pensions we paid for but doesn't like to touch his own.

The list goes on but that is the tip of the iceberg. I know politicians keep themselves busy and so may have to ignore the feelings of ordinary Canadians. The choice is theirs and the results will be theirs too.

What the heck - Let 'em eat cake - eh?

Oh! Oh! Canada.

George Pieper

CWB "facts and myths"

Dear Editor:

The following are a number of facts and myths that require careful consideration in evaluating the Canadian Wheat Board in 1997.

Myth: The CWB was forced on the west by Ottawa.

Fact: The CWB was formed as a result of 19 years of long effort by the prairie wheat pools and their membership. The legislation created by the CWB was introduced in 1935 by the Conservative government. The Prime Minister and the agriculture minister were both from the west at that time.

Myth: The CWB controls only western grain.

Fact: All grain exports, from all of Canada, must have an export permit administered by the CWB. Ontario has its own Wheat Board and Quebec produces almost no wheat and very tiny amounts of feed grain.

Myth: The domestic market can absorb most of our grain.

Fact: Each year Canada produces about ten years worth of domestic consumption. The only home for all that grain is the international market. The U.S. is not much of an international market. Although the CWB markets some grain in the U.S., most Canadian grain goes to places like China, Japan, Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Now that Iraq is back in the grain market, perhaps "Farmers Just for Us" could phone Saddam Hussein and see if he wants a truckload of barley.

Myth: Smuggling grain into the U.S. is a private matter. No one else is affected.

Fact: It is a criminal act to trans-

port grain across the U.S. border. The reason is this; this is not a victimless crime. Every bushel of Canadian grain that is smuggled across the border ends up competing with Canadian grain marketed internationally. The courts in Manitoba have already awarded damages against a smuggler because of this. Such smuggling takes money out of the pockets of the 99 per cent of the farmers who use the CWB.

Myth: The U.S. offers higher prices than the CWB will return for our grain.

Fact: U.S. barley prices are usually in dollars per hundred weight. Divide this U.S. price by two to get a per bushel price. Then remember that the quoted price is to get you into the elevator with your grain. Then the cuts start: over a certain percentage dockage and the price is cut. Over 12 per cent moisture and the price is cut again. As with other things, the larger the scale, the lower the fixed costs per unit become. 120,000 producers working together through the single desk of the CWB is much more efficient than an individual attempting to gamble on the commodities markets.

Myth: The CWB is not audited.

Fact: Each year a complete audit of the CWB operations is carried out by the international accounting firm Deloitte and Touche. This audit covers all aspects of operations, including complete costs and returns to each pool. Additionally all salary ranges, benefits and costs may be obtained by requesting an information package from the CWB.

Myth: Most farmers want

to get rid of the CWB.

Fact: Only a very tiny minority of farmers (probably less than 15 per cent) actually want the CWB eliminated. Even the CWB's opponents concede that a majority of the farmers in western Canada do not want to get rid of the Wheat Board.

Myth: The U.S. offers a big potential market for Canadian grain.

Fact: Long term estimates from Agriculture Canada say that the U.S. can best absorb 2.5 to 3 million tonnes of grain a year. We now produce almost ten times that amount. In 1996 we produced almost 14 million

tonnes of barley alone. Two-thirds of our grain goes into the export market and the U.S. can never be a big part of the market; it produces too much of its own grain.

Yours sincerely,
Stan Bell,
Carstairs, Alberta

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guarantees an inefficient operation and higher costs for farmers.

Why would the government be preoccupied with maintaining such a farmer-financed feather-bedding? In most places, pilotage is waived after a captain of a ship demonstrates his knowledge of the waters. In fact domestic ships don't have to hire pilots at all in most countries.

The Canadian Shipowners Association recommended two years ago that the federal government change all this, as part of its program to commercialize the ports. They asked that the Pilotage Authorities be sold as well, that the rules for the use of the service be freed up and that supply restrictions end.

To make a long story short, in November the House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport considered the issue. The Bloc Québécois section of the pilots' monopoly, by filibustering the bill. With Christmas turkey waiting on the home front, Committee Chairman Reg Alcock caved in to the BQ tactic. Under pressure from the pilots' union to maintain their monopoly lockhold on shippers, the committee simply left these privileges intact. The law remains unchanged.

Liberal MP Reg Alcock (Winnipeg-South) missed an opportunity here, and in the process sold Western farmers quite literally down the river. His actions certainly clash with the overall objectives of his own party, which seems committed to more freedom and competition in the transport sector.

In for a penny, in for a pound, Reg.



Town of Didsbury

DIDSBURY AQUATIC CENTRE

The DAC will be closed January 6 - February 13, inclusive, for the installation of our 150-foot waterslide. Grand Opening events are planned for Feb. 14 - 17!

Program registration for February to April is now available. Programs include after school lessons, Saturday morning lessons, preschool lessons, adult lessons, National Lifeguard, Water Safety Instructor, and first aid courses. Call to register between 8:30 and 4:30 weekdays.

GARBAGE LIMIT IMPOSED

As a result of consultation between the Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board, the Town of Didsbury and residents of Didsbury, a user pay system has been developed to ensure that those households who produce more waste will pay for the extra service to collect and dispose of it. This system also provides an incentive for residents to increase their recycling and backyard composting.

Effective February 4, 1997 a 3 bag per household limit, each week, has been imposed.

The existing garbage rates will remain unchanged for 1997, but, excess garbage over the three bag limit will require an "over limit tag" on each extra bag or can.

These over limit tags may be purchased for \$1.50 each at the Town Office.

For more information please call the town office at 335-3391.

Residential Garbage Collection Schedule
Beginning February 4th, 1997

TUESDAY PICK UP AREA

Everything West of 23rd Street
Everything West of Main Street
and North of 16th Ave.

WEDNESDAY PICK UP AREA

Everything East of 23rd Street to 16th Avenue
Everything East of Main St.



TUESDAY PICK UP AREA **WEDNESDAY PICK UP AREA**

Council Meeting
Feb. 18, 1997

B.A.I.S.
BUSINESS ATTRACTION INFORMATION SYSTEM

The Town of Didsbury has joined with other communities around Central Alberta to create a business directory of all goods, services, products and enterprises operating in our local community and district. This information will be made available on the Internet using a province wide computer data base called the Business Attraction Information System (B.A.I.S.). Collection of the information is well underway in Didsbury. For information on this project, how to get your business listed, or questions about the forms, please call Denise Taylor at 335-3391.

DIDSBURY MEMORIAL COMPLEX

For all Complex bookings, including ice rentals, Multi-Purpose Room rentals, and kitchen rentals, call Leah at 335-3966.

Limited ice rentals available on Sundays between 9 am - 4 pm on both ice surfaces. Call at your earliest possible convenience to book preferred times.

INTERESTED IN STARTING A BUSINESS?

Please contact
Evan Parliament
for complete
information package.

EVAN PARLIAMENT
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Box 790, Didsbury Alberta T0M 0W0
Town Office 335-3391 Fax 335-9794

The Town of Didsbury wishes to proclaim
the week of February 2-8, 1997 as
International Development Week.

The Town of Didsbury is accepting offers to purchase a parcel of land described as that portion of C of T 168, 175 feet +/- in length, by 20 feet in width which is directly north of the 66 foot wide portion of C of T 168. The sale will be subject to conditions.

Offers to purchase will be subject to a reserve bid set by the Council of the Town of Didsbury. The highest or any bidder will not necessarily be accepted. A list of conditions will apply to the successful purchaser of this land; a copy of the conditions and a detailed map of the location may be picked up at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue.

Offers to purchase must be received by 2:00 p.m. February 18, 1997. If you have any further questions, please contact Robert Wigg or Alana Hagel at the Town Office at 33-3391.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

The time is upon us once again to be thinking of the well deserving volunteers in our community in order to recognize them properly.

If you know of a volunteer that stands out in your mind of going above and beyond, please pick up a copy of an application form at the Town Office and submit to the Community Services Department at the Town of Didsbury.

Lifestyles

The more things change...

By Elaine Wilson

No bright yellow school bus rumbled up to the gate to pick David Smith and his friends up for school. It was "Shanks Pony", (or often the real four-legged version), that had to be caught and bridled before setting off towards the little one room school house eight miles east of Didsbury.

Smith attended a local country school in the 1930s, and while many things were different from that experienced by school children today, there were also many similarities.

Children in Catherine Klein Hofmeyer's Grade 3 class had plenty of questions to ask.

"Did you ride bicycles to school?"

"The roads weren't very good," Smith said. "In rainy weather they were very muddy and bicycles don't go very well in the mud, do they?"

The children allowed that was so.

"What did you write with?" one child asked.

Smith explained that Grade 1 and 2 children were permitted to use pencils, but in Grade 3, they were expected to begin using pen and ink.

"We didn't have ball point pens," he said with a smile, describing the ink bottles and the special pens required.

"There were all kinds of 'accidents'," he said with a smile. "Girls' pigtails got dipped in the ink, not by me, mind you."

"What toys did you play with?" another child asked.

"Well, we didn't have electric

toys like you have now, we didn't have anything that needed batteries - we didn't have any batteries. We played with marbles and Tinker Toys."

Some of the children in the class had marbles but none had played games using them, and none had ever heard of "Tinker Toys". But everyone knew what tag and hopscotch were, and those popular recess activities brought the same happy memories to mind for all. Smith's school had a swing, and some schools had teeter-totters, and, Smith said: "When the weather was fine we visited other schools. Do you go on field trips?"

Yes, the children responded, sharing recent destinations with Smith. "What about after school," Smith was asked, "What did you do?"

Smith explained that farm children of all ages had chores to attend to after school. Some things never change. The children smiled and shared descriptions of the chores they attended to after school.

"When I was young everyone had wood stoves," Smith explained. "Wood had to be chopped and ashes carried out. We had oil lamps. That's what everyone used for lighting, there was no electricity. We never used them until it got dark to save the oil. They had to be cleaned and filled."

Recreation after school waited until all chores were completed.

One pondered what Smith had said and raised his hand to ask a question:

"Yes?" Smith said, recognizing him.

The child, working from a 90s frame of reference paused for a moment and then asked: "Did you have black and white TVs?"

Smith smiled.

"We didn't have any kind of television. We didn't have any electricity."

This was greeted with silence approaching disbelief.

Then fashion was addressed.

What kind of clothes did Smith and his schoolmates wear to school?

Smith said some children wore home made clothes, but blue jeans

were as common in class then as they are today.

Smith closed with a memory that came alive in the telling.

The school superintendent of the day was a gruff man, but he could play the piano.

On visits to the school, he would seat himself behind the keyboard and lead the children in a little sing song. The superintendent was not to be trifled with and the singalong was a business-like undertaking. He played the music and the children sang and no horseplay was expected nor

allowed. The superintendent thought he heard chuckles and squinted peevishly at the children. One by one, each row succumbed to giggles and soon the entire room erupted. The superintendent ceased playing and examined their faces to trace the source of their disobedience. A little mouse, quite unaware of the anarchy he'd triggered scurried along the baseboards.

Some things will never change. 'Kids will be kids', and that's one of life's little rewards.



"QUESTIONING AUTHORITY"
David Smith answered questions and shared stories of his own school days with Grade 3 students at Ross Ford Elementary last week.

Photo by Elaine Wilson

Sons of Norway news

By Noreen Olson

Our first meeting of the New Year was held January 27 at the Olds Evergreen Centre. This was Installation night and the meeting began under outgoing President Noreen Olson who passed the gavel to our District 4, Zone 4 Director Knut Haga so that he could conduct the ceremonies. With the new officers installed our new President Leif Terning thanked Knut for helping us and then Leif chaired the remaining meeting.

Cultural Director Olga Terning announced that lessons would soon be underway in Rosemaling, (Norwegian Rosepainting); Hardanger, (Traditional Embroidery); Woodcarving and Cooking. Language is also a possibility if enough interest is shown. Cultural Skills Pins can be earned in all these areas and Olga will be pleased to tell you how this can be achieved. Non members are welcomed. Trollhaugen Culture Camp is celebrating its 25th anniversary and

wants to make a cookbook to commemorate the event. Please make copies of your favorite Norwegian recipes and give them to Olga, Thordis or Linda as soon as possible.

Foundation Director Ken Holmberg presented Thordis Kamp with a Certificate of Appreciation for her donation in honor of the Foundation's 25th anniversary.

A letter was read from District President Dianne Bowman in regard to insurance and the future eligibility of Convention Delegates. By the year 2000 you will have to have Sons of Norway Insurance if you wish to be a delegate. If 100 per cent of our members carried insurance International dues would be nonexistent.

Our annual Torsk (Cod) supper was held on January 19 and was an unquestioned success. All available tickets were sold and the food as usual was excellent. Many of our guests are repeat patrons who ask that we not forget them

next year.

The Lodge sent a donation to Foundation in memory of June Foresman, and a donation and membership renewal to Trollhaugen Culture Camp. A letter will be sent to Dave Foreman thanking him for the Christmas tree.

Registrations were taken for Sports Weekend in Saskatoon, February 28, March 1 and 2. Members will compete in curling, skiing, bowling, and cards. Because we will be the host Lodge in '98 we will be expected to make a presentation in Saskatoon and we voted on a slogan for our event. The winner was "Congregate in '98". Plans are already underway for our adventure and most of the venues have been booked.

Under God of the Order president Leif thanked Noreen for her years as president and Norman thanked the Lodge for their support and co-operation during her tenure and wished Leif well in his new position. Thordis Kamp thanked the Lodge on behalf of The Scandinavian Choir for our generous donation and for the

wonderful meal when they came to sing at our Christmas party. Leif announced that one of our members had just that day won the grand prize in a Cowboy Poetry Contest and Noreen ac-

knowledgeed that this was so.

As is our custom on Installation Night, wine and cheese contributed to the evening's fellowship. Our next meeting will be February 24, 1997.

Didsbury Outreach - a school of choice

By Jon Vermunt

In 1995 the Didsbury Outreach School opened in Victoria Square Mall with a handful of students. Today's enrollment has passed 100 and is growing steadily. What accounts for its growth?

"Conventional school systems follow more of an industrial model," explained Pat St. John, one of the school's two teachers. "Outreach schools are more flexible and individualized. Classes consist of one person doing his or her best to learn at the pace and in the mode best geared to individual success."

"You still have to work," said one student, "but there's more privileges. It's the same subjects, the same amount of work, but it's easier." Outreach School changes and evolves to meet the needs and freedoms of its students. "It's a school of choice," said Carol Williams, the school's math and science teacher. School staff and administrators do their best to accommodate the needs of the individual.

Where is the school headed?

"What we want to aim for is to have a more individual and self-directed program," said St. John. "The rest, to a large extent, is dictated by social change and need."

I wasn't much of a Rodeo fan
At 17, Rodeo wasn't that, "cool".
But a friend asked me to go along
And I broke my Rodeo rule.

We drove to the City with her Mom and Dad
It was Fall and the show was inside,
So we parked and walked to the Arena
That squatted there, large, long and wide.

Our tickets were good, second row up,
So we had a wonderful view.
And except for a space right behind us,
Of spare seats, there were pretty darn few.

The Brahma bulls bellowed,
And the cowhands got thrown
Calves got roped
From a Strawberry roan.

Wild cows were milked
Broncs burst from the chutes
Cowboys wrestled down steers,
Then limped back in heeled boots.

I was enjoying the show
I was forced to admit
And the guest star, still to come,
I admired a fair bit.

He was handsome and blonde
And he sang pretty well
I had heard he loved children
Big hearted as well.

If he sang *Streets of Laredo*
I knew I'd probably weep
Especially the part where
His voice goes so deep.

As the next to last cowboy
Earned his honorable mention
A disturbance behind us
Caught our attention.



At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

Rex Allen

Two women placed a small mattress
In what had been empty space
And then carefully helped
A small boy into place.

When they had him laid down,
They put a mask on his nose
Pumped him some air,
Straightened his clothes.

The little guy's eyes were shining,
His grin covered most of his face
He had come to see Rex Allen
And the world was a beautiful place.

Rex Allen rode into the Spotlight,
And he sang and he played and he roped,
He was gentle and warm and handsome
And everything we had hoped.

He was dressed all in white and silver,
And Koko, his horse, reared and danced,
The little guy on the mattress
Was absolutely entranced.

Rex was coming to the end of his program
And I admit to a feeling of pique
He hadn't done *Streets of Laredo*
But wait now, he's going to speak.

"I am going to sing a song," he said
"For a brave little Buckaroo,
I'm not going to spell his name out,
But I reckon he knows who."

And then he sang *Laredo*
And all the lights dimmed down,
And as the closing notes faded,
He started his ride around.

Well, every kid in the Arena
Pressed forward to the wire
And the thin, little kid strained frantically
To be lifted, higher, higher.

Strangers reached out to help him
Hands raised like silent prayers
And an opening sort of materialized
While they carried him down the stairs.

The Star was getting closer now,
Shaking hands, tousling hair,
Our little boy was fighting for breath,
But the great big grin was there.

It would have been so easy
For the singer to just wave, and pass by,
But he urged Koko right up to the fence
And reached out to the little guy.

From his golden hair, he took his big
white hat
And set it on the little boy's head,
The kid's thin hands grabbed both sides
of the brim,
And they carried him back to his bed.

Half the people in the Arena were sob-
bing,
And the other half wiping their eyes,
The kid had such a grip on that hat,
And a face full of Joy and Surprise.

So it wasn't cool to like Rodeo,
Or to be a Cowboy Fan,
I loved that Darned Old Rodeo,
And Rex Allen is still my man.

Based upon a real experience, Edmonton Indoor Fall Rodeo, about 1956. "Rex Allen", a poem by Noreen Olson, was the grand prize winner of Canada's Cowboy Festival poetry contest with "Hero of the Golden West" theme. As grand prize winner, Olson read her winning entry at the Convention Centre at the showcase Saturday, February 1. Olson's entry took top prize from over 100 entries submitted province wide.

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PREVIEW NIGHT!

Friday, February 14 - 7:30 - 10 p.m.
Come and get a close look at the 150-foot winding, whirling, twirling waterslide, climb the 29 steps to the top and get an even better look, enjoy refreshments, and mingle. Step Up & Slide step purchaser's names will all be in place on the 29 steps and the three platforms - we will be officially presenting the steps to their proud owners on this night.
This is your official invitation to attend.
Everyone is Welcome!



**Complimentary
balloons
and ribbons!...
All weekend!**

MYSTERY SPONSOR UNVEILING!

At 8:15 p.m. on Friday, February 14, the Town of Didsbury will be proudly presenting its major sponsor and company representatives. This company has very generously donated \$15,000 to the Waterslide Project. We invite you to be on hand to be a part of this very special presentation!

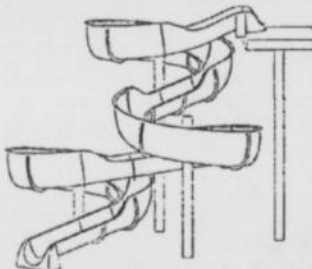
FIREWORKS!!
Friday night at 9:30 p.m.

Didsbury Aquatic Centre Waterslide Grand Opening!

February 14-17, 1997

**SPECIAL
\$3 Admission
All Weekend!!**

Pay a \$3 daily admission
and you can slide as many times
as you like!!!
(Any other passes will not be honored
during our Grand Opening Weekend.)



**GRAND OPENING
CEREMONIES**
Monday, February 17
12:30 - 1 p.m.
Ribbon cutting
& Special presentations.



SWIM!! SLIDE!! ENJOY!!
Saturday, February 15:
*First Slide 1 p.m.
Public 1 - 5:30; 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Teen Swim 8:30 - 10 p.m.

Sunday, February 16:
Public 1 - 5 p.m.
Family 5 - 8:30 p.m.

Monday, February 17: **FAMILY DAY!**
Grand Opening 12:30 - 1 p.m.
Public Swim 1 - 3 p.m.
Family Swim 3 - 8:30 p.m.

THE FIRST SLIDE!!

At 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 15, the winner of our first-slide raffle will whirl and twirl down the slide performing the official first slide. Tickets are available for purchase until February 9 from any Aquatic Centre staff member or in businesses around town.

Lions and community mourn loss of local stalwart

By Charlie Bird and Ken Naidoo

A very popular local Lion, James (Mac) McNair Turnbull passed away at the Olds Hospital on January 20, 1997 after a long illness.

Mac, as he was popularly known, joined the Cremona Lions on April 8, 1977, and was a member of this club for nearly 20 fruitful years. Although he joined the Lions when he was almost 60 years old, he did not let this late start as a club member deter him from being one of its most valued members. He had to cope with failing eyesight for many years, and when he joined the Cremona Lions, he was totally blind. But Mac was not one to let adversity get the better of him. He was a shining example to the rest of the membership in that whatever task he took on, he did with entire good humor and willingness.

He was Membership and Attendance Chairman for many years. One of his tasks in this position was to give Lions phoned reminders about the many activities that were going on. His lack of sight was no barrier to his doing a superb job; he memorized the names and numbers of all 50+ Cremona Lions members and thus was to do as efficient a job as one with perfect eyesight. At the annual Water Valley Rodeo in June, he was the official corn shucker, and he and his team worked so efficiently that the area of Lions catering was deservedly praised. The friendly bantering

of Mac and his fellow shuckers certainly made the task seem easy.

To his exceptional contribution to Lionism, he was nominated for and given the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

Mac had many facets to his personality, all of them likeable. One of his attributes was the ability to entertain. Many of the locals are aware that he was a childhood (and later) buddy of Wilf Carter. So entertaining was very much a part of Mac's makeup. One remembers in particular the year of Vair Reid's presidency. Though afflicted with arthritis, Mac never failed to respond to the many requests to entertain, first with tapes, then in person at various lodges. His perennial good spirits and friendliness was an upliftment to all.

At Lion's meetings, a handshake often ended with the recipient of the handshake receiving more than a warm greeting; Mac had, hidden in his palm, a token for a drink at the Lion's bar. He was always able to recognize a voice, and an instant naming of the person showed how fast his reflexes were working.

There are numerous anecdotes which reveal the ebullient personality and the fine sense of humor possessed by our Mac. Lionel Bird's favorite is the time when he and Mac were returning home after a particularly enjoyable post-Lions meeting. Turning the cemetery corner one night, Lionel noticed a Check Stop. On being informed of this, Mac, real-

izing that Lionel the driver may be in a compromising position, said, "Lionel, stop the car and let me drive. These cops can't hurt me!"

A memorial service was held at the Cremona Community Hall on Thursday, January 23, 1997. The Cremona Lions Club members were accorded the honor of acting

as ushers and Honorary Pallbearers. Approximately 40 Cremona Lion's members were present to bid adieu to their beloved comrade.

One thing Mac made all of us realize was that even with disabilities of various sorts, physical or otherwise, we can each of us do enough to make life meaningful

for ourselves and others. I can do no better than to quote John Milton, the blind English poet, who while speaking of himself surely was also referring to people like Mac when he said, "They also serve who only stand and wait."

Mac, we miss you. But your spirit lives on.



Nature Watch

By D. Mathias,
River Glen School

Did You Know?

Grizzly bear cubs are being born in their mothers dens.... Grizzlies, like all other bears, do not hibernate but remain active, albeit sleepy, in and around their dens in a form of torpor called carnivore lethargy. Caves and holes in the snow should be approached with caution!

Mountain View 4-H Dairy Club

By Melissa Kemmere

Mountain View 4-H Dairy Club held their second judging meeting at Lone Pine Jerseys on January 2. We had our gift exchange on that day since we had to cancel our Christmas party. The winners of our turkey draw were Mark Pollock and Bob Johnson.

Our last meeting was on January 26 at the Rosebud Hall. It was a pedigree, record book and a public speaking clinic.

Paul Hunt gave a talk on pedigrees, Teri Anne Vansickle did a talk on keeping our record books and Sheryl Rothert gave us some tips on public speaking.

Our next meeting is on March 2 at the Airdrie Regional Centre at 10 a.m. where our club will have its public speaking competition.



Have you received your Barley Voter's package?

February 18, 1997 is the deadline for additions to the voters' list.

Prairie barley producers are being asked to vote on their preference for marketing barley produced in Western Canada.

KPMG, post-marked by February 18, 1997. Once this process is completed, a voter's package will be mailed to you.

WHO RECEIVES A VOTER'S PACKAGE:

- Voters' packages have been automatically mailed to: "actual producers" who
 - have obtained a 1996/97 Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) Permit Book number as of January 1, 1997, and
 - have grown barley at least once in the last five years (1992 to and including 1996).

HOW TO GET AN AFFIDAVIT

To obtain an affidavit form, phone toll-free 1-888-7BARLEY (1-888-722-7539) or go to any Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) office.

Signed affidavits may be returned by mail to:

KPMG, Post Office Box 2505, Stn. Main, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 4A7

OR by fax to KPMG: (204) 957-2323

Producers whose affidavit forms are received or post-marked after February 18, 1997 will not be added to the voters' list and will not be eligible to vote.

If you have not received your voter's package in the mail, or if you are unsure of your eligibility to vote, call toll-free 1-888-7BARLEY (1-888-722-7539)

KPMG, an independent management consulting firm, is administering the Prairie Barley Vote on behalf of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

KPMG



Sheryl
ROTHERT

So....now what's to eat?

Sheryl Rothert, is a wife, a mother, and an advocate of healthy food choices with a B.Sc. B.Ed. in Home Economics. With more than a decade's worth of teaching experience, Rothert now offers tips and recipes for today's busy family.

Are you ready for Valentine's Day? Here's a great dessert to make for your sweetheart - am I talking to guys or gals? Which-ever - this dessert's easier than pie!

Citrus Pecan Cake

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 2 c. margarine, low-fat | 1 1/2 c. raisins |
| 2 c. sugar | 4 c. pecans, chopped |
| 6 eggs | 3 c. flour |
| 1 tsp. lemon peel, grated | 1/4 tsp. salt |
| 1 Tbsp. lemon juice | 1 tsp. baking powder |
| 1 Tbsp. vanilla | |

Glaze: 1/4 c. orange juice
1/4 c. lemon juice
1/4 c. sugar

Preheat oven to 300F.

1. Cream margarine and sugar until fluffy.
 2. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each.
 3. Stir in lemon peel, lemon juice and vanilla.
 4. Combine raisins, pecans and 1/4 c. of the flour.
 5. Mix the remaining flour, salt and baking powder.
 6. Fold into creamed mixture alternating with the nut mixture.
 7. Spoon the batter into a bundt pan prepped with canola spray.
 8. Bake for 1 1/2 hours, or until toothpick comes out clean.
 9. Cool slightly and remove from pan.
 10. Combine glaze ingredients and heat, stirring constantly, until sugar is dissolved.
 11. Pour glaze over warm cake and dust lightly with icing sugar.
- Bonus! This cake freezes well, so make it ahead and you're all set!

Tip of the Week: Serve without glaze and create a lacy design on the cake's surface by dusting the icing sugar over a paper doily. Remove the doily after to reveal the lace effect!

Children first - first months

By Alison Hamper, BSW,
Children First

In talking about the Redesign of Services for Children and Families, Rick Mousseau (Co-Chair of Region 5 Steering Committee) states: "Our Preliminary Service Plan called Lots of Hugs came about from consultations with communities from across Region 5. The four pillars that make up Lots of Hugs are: Community-Based, Integrated Services, Aboriginal Services and Early Intervention. Children First in Drumheller combines all of these pillars, with an emphasis on Early Intervention. Communities like Didsbury will want to learn from the efforts of Children First."

It's hard to believe now that Children First has been running for almost eight months. The government organizational structure is beginning to make sense,

and I feel that Children First has recently been included in assisting the government to plan services for the future. The light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter - we've come a long way.

The first thing I can say about the process of starting a new program is that it takes an incredible amount of energy. It takes a lot of courage for a small community to allow a progressive new program to grow.

As I settled into my new role, I soon realized that I had much to learn about everything. Being new to the province of Alberta, I had a lot to learn about the government restructuring process. I was fortunate to meet with individuals who explained (over and over) how the government had changed. As hard as I tried to get a concrete picture of the structure, I realized it did not exist yet. People, positions, and responsibilities changed very

quickly over a short period of time.

Being part of a large partnership provided a great source of community contact and support. It also added to the organizational confusion I was facing. Who was who? How were they connected with me and Children First? I attended every meeting I could, hoping that more information would help me clarify what the community was like, and what was expected of my program. I quickly learned that everyone wanted something a little bit different. When I started my job I thought I knew exactly what I did. By the end of the summer I felt as though I hardly knew at all.

As Children First heads into the new year I predict a new energy will surface with enthusiasm and vision. This is an exciting time for the community, all our partners, and the Children First early intervention program.

D.H.S.

upcoming events

February 6 - Grad Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Foods Lab.
February 7 - Valentines Dance - Students Union will host their annual Valentines dance on February 7 from 8:30 - 12 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person or \$8 per couple. Westraks DJ Service is once again providing the music. A "request" sheet will be posted at the office from February 3-6 along with the "late" and "guest" list. Chaperones are needed. If you are interested please call the school office at 335-3356.

February 7 - Semester 1/Mid Term Report Cards - Look for semester 1/Mid term report cards arriving home with your son/daughter on February 7.

February 7 - 8 - Sr. Girls Basketball Tournament, DHS and Westglen gyms.

February 20 - Family Rally Night, 8 p.m., DHS gym - This rally involves all students. It is hosted by all the extra-curricular clubs of DHS including band, drama, sports teams and cheerleading members.

February 21-22 - JV Dragons Tournament.

February 27-28 - Grad portraits, DHS.

Royal Purple #317 news

Membership night held

By Hazel Milne and
Irene Dickau

Membership night was held at a special meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 1997. Visitors welcomed were ladies Evelyn Adams and Vivian Barman.

An invitation was received from Calgary Lodge to attend their 76th birthday meeting on Monday, February 3. PHRL Annie Pringle reported for Sunshine that ladies visited PHRL Iona Sheils and Lady Peg Morison.

Honored Royal Lady (HRL) Betty Casebeer presented Lady Sharon Wadel with her five-year pin. The 1997 District Meeting will be hosted by

Okotoks Lodge on Saturday, April 26. The entertainment committee provided a bit of fun and games. The door draw was won by Ladies Fran Patten and Annie Pringle. 50/50 was won by Lady Vi Baillie.

On Sunday, January 26, 57 people braved the cold weather to attend our family party. M.C. for the program was Tyrone Patten. HRL Betty Casebeer and Elks Exalted Ruler Dave Franz welcomed

everyone.

The program was followed with a piano solo and a flute solo by Jennifer Gilbert; the poem "Lettie Bateest" by Ron Patten; flute and

clarinet trio by Jennifer Wilshusen, Jillian Rothert and Jennifer Gilbert. A skit, "Old Shep", was acted out by volunteers Lloyd and Ellen Tevendale, Rick Taylor, Dave Franz and Vern Wilshusen.

In closing three-year-old Kimberly Patten turned in a charming performance singing several nursery rhymes.

Bingo was played by all with Dave Franz as bingo caller. Tyrone Patten made animals with balloons for the children. Pot luck supper followed bringing an enjoyable afternoon to a close. Many helped make our family party a success with special mention going to the committee: PHRL Shirley Thompson, PHRL Vi Baillie, Lady Fran Patten, and Lady Ev Franz.



Mount View Lodge news

By Annie Caush

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Right attitude key to safe winter driving

According to Ross Bentley, chief instructor of the Labatt Road Scholarship, a nationally acclaimed in-car, advanced driving program, the key to safe winter motoring is having the right attitude.

In conducting research that led to the creation of the Labatt Road Scholarship, Bentley learned that if every driver had one more second to react, 80 per cent of all crashes would be avoided.

"It's critical that drivers adopt the right attitude when trying to find that extra second, and that starts with never driving impaired," says Bentley, a Vancouver native who has competed on the IndyCar circuit. "We teach drivers the skills necessary to gain that extra-second required to avoid most crashes. However, when alcohol enters the driving equation there is absolutely no way to gain that advantage."

Bentley has compiled the fol-

lowing tips to help you gain that elusive second of reaction time this winter.

- Make sure to brush all the snow off your car. That includes the hood, roof and trunk so loose snow won't blow back on your windows.

- Contrary to what you might have learned, the nine o'clock and three o'clock position is the preferred steering wheel grip of all advanced driving schools. It's comfortable and affords the most steering movement in an emergency.

- Always keep a safe distance between the vehicle ahead of you and never tailgate.

- Always look down the road for possible trouble spots because you can't react to what you haven't seen. Also, check all three mirrors regularly.

- Never try to stop by pumping or slamming your brakes. Squeeze hard, but back off on the brake if your wheels lock. This is called "threshold brak-

ing" and it requires practice.

- If you find yourself skidding in a turn, don't touch the brakes at all. Instead, take your foot off the accelerator and look to where you want to go. Turning the wheel further can also cause you to lose more traction, so less steering is better.

- If something gets in your way and you can't stop in time, apply threshold braking and steer around the obstacle. Be sure you brake before you steer and make certain your wheels are unlocked before making your move.

- When all else fails, pick an escape route that will do the least damage to yourself and those around you. In a choice of lesser evils, a snow-filled ditch is usually much softer than an oncoming truck.

If you're interested in learning more about the Labatt Road Scholarship visit the Labatt World Wide Web site at www.labatt.com.



Super kids for week of January 24, 1997. Anthony Thomas, Matthew Metka, Kyle Gebers, Danny Connell, Kristine Engel (missing), Jesse Byiers (missing), Peter Gwozdecki (missing), Courtney Crawford, Tiffany Mossip, Valarie Evenson, Alyssa Smith, Stephan Leuker, Myles Bogner, Harlow Drinkwater, Stephanie Sorensen, Greg Edwards, Courtney Townrow. Missing from last week: Cory Mitchell.

Cars designed to weather winter, but breakdown protection needed

By Dave Barr, AMA
Corporate Communications
Director

Frozen radiators. Hard starts. Slick roads. Each is a sign winter is upon us -- and each a major inconvenience you need not fear if your car is properly prepared, says the Alberta Motor Association.

Though cars are designed to withstand subzero temperatures, no amount of engineering can prevent winter breakdowns if a car is poorly maintained, says the province's largest membership organization, which rescued 350,000 stranded drivers last year.

To avoid trouble, be sure your car's cooling system can handle

winter's extra load. If coolant looks discolored or rusty, flush the radiator and refill it with the right mixture of coolant and water. Worn coolant is the prime cause of radiator and heater core failure, which, if left unchecked, can lead to major engine damage.

Batteries and charging systems also must be in top shape to provide maximum starting power under the worst conditions. Belts must be tight and free of cracks or glazing. And even if you replace the belt, keep the old one in the trunk, just in case. Have the battery load tested to ensure it's up to the task and again after winter snows have melted.

When snow is on the ground, it's essential to have good tires

with good traction. Tires with an "M/S" -- mud and snow -- designation, or all-weather tires, are what most motorists need to travel well-maintained routes.

Regardless of what kind of tire you select, it's best to use the same size as the original equipment. Tires larger than those recommended by the manufacturer may rub suspension components and alter ride and handling characteristics.

Before venturing out in bad weather, consider the need and the hazards. As winter approaches, car care doesn't change much. But neglected car care can haunt you this time of year -- and perhaps even leave you out in the cold.

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More Editorial Letters

The Provincial Ag Minister speaks out

Dear Editor:

In recent weeks, Mr. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada has expressed his "personal opinion" and written "Dear Editor" letters belittling the "notion" of "dual marketing" or what Alberta producers and I have called "market choice." He states and I quote, "on the surface it appears to be an attractive idea because it implies having the best of both worlds- the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) system with price pooling side by side with the fully open market." The CWB, Minister Goodale states, "would definitely be affected" it "would be diminished in at least five ways."

From my point of view, the long-term interests of Alberta farmers and their ability to maximize the money in their pockets are the more important issues than the future of this institution. Changes in the global market for grains and the need for farmers to adapt to these changes should in my mind, be driving reforms. The Minister states that the federal government has "consulted thoroughly with farmers" and has proposed changes in legislation "to respond to the need for marketing changes." I assume changes desired by farmers.

I feel compelled to respond, given the position taken by the majority of Alberta farmers and the Government of Alberta on market choice and Bill C-72.

Can the Minister explain why his response to the need for marketing changes, obtained through "thorough consultations" with farmers, is so radically opposed to those of the Grain Panel he personally chose. Can he explain why they are contrary to the views expressed through several polls conducted by his government, other governments and by industry?

The poll his ministry conducted, following the recommendations of the Western Grain Marketing Panel, showed the majority of farmers favored marketing choice for feed barley, spot pricing of wheat, sale of unregistered varieties of wheat, marketing organic wheat, and letting the CWB market other crops. The November 1995 Saskatchewan Government poll showed voluntary participation in the CWB was supported by 58 per cent of participants. A November 1995 plebiscite in Alberta showed 66 per cent of those voting want options for barley marketing, and 62 per cent for wheat.

Surely the concerns expressed with Bill C-72 - an Act to Amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act, including the concerns expressed by his advisory committee to the

CWB - should lead to more modest claims than that of "thorough consultations" with farmers.

Turning to the five ways the Minister thinks the Board would be diminished, Alberta farmers who voted for marketing choice (call it dual market or open market) are not naive enough to believe the CWB operations would be unaffected. Changes in the regulation - monopoly buyer status - would have definite effects on the operations of the CWB, indeed changes that the majority of farmers in Alberta want to see implemented.

Yes, under market choice and open markets, the pool could be smaller, and the CWB's global reach and marketing clout reduced by the extent that farmers choose alternative marketing systems and production practices to maximize their returns. But how different would these effects be than any of those that the Board normally responds to? Does the Board not respond to market forces of supply and demand? Do production and export volume variations not affect the size of the pool, the Board's global reach, its marketing clout, year-to-year reliability and so on under the current monopoly situation? Do not the quantities produced under different grades vary year to year as well?

The Statistical Handbook 1996 of the Canadian Grain Commission shows wheat exports have varied between a low of 10 million tonnes in 1987-88 to a high of 22 million tonnes in 1991-92. Exports of barley have varied

between a high of 6.5 million tonnes in 1986-87 to a low of 2.6 million tonnes in 1988-89. There is no reason to believe that the Board could not offer prices, services, and efficiencies to attract grain in an open market system away from other competitors. If all the Minister's claims of superior performance, price premiums, etc. prevail, why would the CWB be diminished in an open market?

Surely production practices of our farmers make the largest contribution towards Canada's reputation for quality and consistency! Would these practices change due to the removal of the monopoly buyer practices of the Board? If producers decided to produce different qualities in order to maximize their returns (through different yields and costs of production) from the market, why should this be prevented?

Uncertainties about volume and quality are red herrings to say the least. What would prevent the Board or any other entity (farmers, farmers' cooperative, grain company) from contracting to buy specific quantities and quality of grain over a specified period of time with fair premiums/penalties? It is the establishment and application of standards set by the Canadian Grain Commission which protects Canada's reputation for quality and consistency, not the CWB.

It's the farmer's grain, it should be the farmer's choice.

Walter Paszkowski
Minister



Didsbury Municipal Library news

New Arrivals:

Drums of Autumn (Books on Tape) by Diana Gabaldon; The Clinic by Jonathan Kellerman; Silent Witness by Richard North Patterson; Hornet's Nest by Patricia Cornwell; Deep Waters by Jayne Ann Krentz; The Willing Spirit by Piers Anthony; The Road Less Traveled and Beyond by M. Scott Peck; Tarnished Brass by Scott Taylor; Crime and Corruption in the Canadian Military; The Ultimate Dinosaur Book by David Lambert.

Library Happenings:

Local author, Kathy Rung-Misener, will be signing copies of her romance novel "Fire and Ice", Saturday, February 15 from 2 - 4 p.m.

"Brown Bag Travel" starts again on Thursday, February 13 at noon sharp and runs until April 3. Everyone is welcome.

Concerns 'flare up'

Dear Editor:

Those who live close to gas flaring stacks have long expressed concerns about the impact of flaring on human and animal health. A recently issued report indicates there is cause for concern.

The report, entitled "Investigations of Flare Gas Emissions in Alberta" shows that, in the two stacks tested, between 16 - 36 per cent of the gas escaped unburned. The report identified benzene, styrene, ethynyl benzene, naphthalene, ethynyl methyl benzene, toluene, xylene and fluorene as the most abundant compounds found in the emissions of the sweet gas flare.

This is not the first report on flaring. Last July, a study on "Cattle and the Oil and Gas Industry" pointed to the need to "eliminate flaring as a first choice in waste disposal..." of hydrocarbons because of the potential for affecting cattle (and human) health.

The Clean Air Strategic Alliance (a government/industry agency) has now been asked to set up a task force to deal with flaring. We hope they will quickly find ways to reduce flaring, but we can't wait for another report. Environment Minister Ty Lund and Health Minister Halvar Jonson should immediately begin research into the health effects of flaring. Anything less is unacceptable.

Alberta Liberals believe we must learn more about the effects of flaring on health, and work with industry to find ways to reduce this practice. It is time for the government to show leadership in addressing this issue.

Yours truly,

Bruce Collingwood, MLA

Alberta Liberal Critic for Environmental Protection

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African tour offers first-hand look

Canadian Foodgrains Bank feeds the world

By Trish Jordan

A three-week food study tour organized by Canadian Foodgrains Bank will give six Canadians a unique opportunity to see how their charitable donations are being used to help hungry and vulnerable people in Africa.

The tour - which left Canada January 29 - is made up of farmers and other donors who have contributed grain, cash or time to the Winnipeg-based food aid and development organization. Tour participants will meet with related relief and development organizations, visit several projects undertaken by Canadian Foodgrains Bank's church partners in Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania, and learn more about food aid, development and hunger issues.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank has been organizing food study tours to Africa and other countries since 1987, offering donors the chance to discuss food production issues with African farm-

ers and learn more about the challenges and success stories related to feeding the world's estimated 800 million hungry people.

"In Canada, we often see Africa and its people portrayed as hopeless, but there is a lot of courage, strength and optimism among the African people too," said Trish Jordan, communications coordinator with Canadian Foodgrains Bank. "Past participants have come away with a more balanced understanding of hungry people and the ways in which our support can help them work towards long term food security."

Jordan also noted that the tour answers the one question donors ask more than any other: "Does my donation make a difference?" On completion of the tour, donors can assess for themselves if their contributions are being used effectively and making a measurable difference in the lives of others.

This year's participants hail from Moncton, Breslau, Zurich and Seaford, Ontario; Vir-

Manitoba; and Red Deer, Alberta.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a relief and development agency that facilitates the collection and distribution of grain

and other agricultural commodities to the world's hungry. It is comprised of 13 church partners and is a federally incorporated, non-profit corporation registered as a charitable organi-

zation. Since 1983, Canadian Foodgrains Bank partners have provided over half a million metric tonnes of grain to hungry people in Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe.

Jackson W.I. news

By Nellie Davies

Jackson Women's Institute met at the home of Mary Jane Davies on January 22 at 1:30 p.m. President, Mary Jane, chose as her opening song "Pack up your troubles". Following this was the Mary Stewart collect. The roll call, answered by 13 members, was to recount a memory of a blizzard.

The treasurer's report showed all dues had been paid

and donations sent to Alberta Women's Institute office fund, Girls Clubs and C.N.I.B.

Darlene Hallett, Constituency Convenor, reported on the workshop at the Grey Nuns in Edmonton.

To celebrate the W.I. Founder's Day a pot luck supper and card party will be held on February 14 at the home of Ralph and Noreen Olson. The topic for this month was Education

and Cultural Affairs. The convenor, Elma Bird introduced her guest speaker Elaine Graham. She gave us a very interesting insight into the programme "Read Soon". It amazed many of us to learn the percentage of people in Alberta who can neither read nor write.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Marguerite Krebs on February 26. At this meeting there will be a baking contest for homemade bread. This can be by the traditional method or by the use of a bread machine.

RELIGION

The Way of Life

"the greatest of these"

There are some passages of scripture that draw us personally to them. Some passages have become almost universal favorites. So much so that we need only mention their location in scripture in order to bring their words to mind. John 3:16 is one example - the gospel in a nutshell. Or the 23rd Psalm, calls to mind the entire shepherd scene.

1 Corinthians, chapter 13 also falls into that category. This matchless chapter has become known as Paul's great hymn of love. In incomparable language, Paul in this chapter first proclaims the absolute necessity of Christian love and then he goes on to describe this Christian grace in action. Therefore 1 Corinthians 13 has become known as the "love chapter."

Could there be a chapter more important for the world in which we live, where the love of many has waxed cold? Could there be a more important chapter for our families and communities, where in many instances the milk of human kindness has gone sour, and bitterness, self-centeredness, envy, and grumbling prevail?

Paul begins this great chapter with words of warning for all of us. Paraphrased, he says to us today, Though I have great regard for the Christian faith, though I have worked hard to raise

my children and be a good spouse - if in all these things I am not motivated by love to God and to my neighbor, then all of my gifts, all of my accomplishments are of no value in the sight of God.

Paul goes on to share with us a definition of Christian love. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not express itself in irritableness, impatience, bitterness. It does not pout. Love absorbs the impact of abuse, or mistreatment, the stones of slander, the disappointments of a failed

friendships, and still maintain its peace and composure. It still is able to reach out in friendship, and compassion, in spite of the irritations and trials. Love does not envy. It is not jealous. It does not begrudge others or belittle them. True love brings families and neighbors so close to one another that it shares in the woes and rejoices in the joys of others. Love is not puffed up. It lets go of self. It lets go of pride and seeks to be humble. Love is well behaved. It is thoughtful of others it is considerate and respectful of friend and foe alike. Love keeps no books, it does not keep track of wrongs. It carries no grudge. It is forgiving. Love never owes anything but love. Love does not seek out the worst in a person but puts the best construction over everything. It is not suspicious nor does

it yield itself to gossip or rumor. It defends our neighbor and seeks always to speak well of them. Love protects. It prays at all times for our neighbor's welfare. Love trusts, hopes, rejoices in the truth, perseveres.

The source of such love of course lies beyond the walls of your heart and mine. It springs eternal from the foot of the cross. There in an infinitely larger measure love was poured out upon you and me. The love which drove the holy Son of God to die for sinful people like you and me. Such love transforms our hearts and gives us the desire and the ability to love one another in season and out.

Dear friends, we are all in danger of restricting our kindness to thoughts or words. And how much more as we near the celebration of Valentines when our expression of love often times goes no further than a pre-printed valentine in the mailbox. But what our world needs, what our families need, what the members of our community need, what you and I need is not another Valentine's Day card, we need to be filled with God's love.

When we find ourselves becoming cold or callous, or indifferent, when we find ourselves becoming irritable, and we all do from time to time, let us go back again and again to Bethlehem and

to Calvary, and melt our loveless hearts of stone in the warming rays of God's eternal love. If God loved us so much how can we withhold the full measure of our love even from the least of those for whom the Saviour died.

Let us remember that we who believe in John 3:16 must live by 1 Corinthians 13. "By this all men shall know that you are my disciples," says Jesus, "if you love one another."

To this extent may our prayer always be: Spirit of life of love, of peace, unite our hearts, our love increase. Thy gracious help supply. To each of us the blessing give. In loving fellowship to live, in joyful hope to die. Amen.



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February 14 -Food Bank Day

A tradition marking its second year this Valentine's Day will help restock shelves at the local Food Bank. Dr. Dave Phillips of the Didsbury Chiropractic Clinic joins member colleagues across the province with the Chiropractors of Alberta in celebrating Valentine's Day with a heart. Patient fees collected that day will be turned over to Food Bank coordinators to purchase items required. For many years, chiropractors across Alberta hosted their 'Have a Heart' campaign prior to Christmas, but switched to the February date last year. "At Christmas time people are more aware of the needs of the Food Bank," Phillips explained, "But now, more than ever, we need to ensure that people are able to get the food they need."

Faces

a brief glimpse at the people and events in our community

Elks support "Party Program"

Approximately 90 students plan to participate in the "Party Program", an upcoming work shop and field trip to the Red Deer hospital which pulls no punches in portraying the perils of risk-taking behavior from the perspective of nurses, physicians, fire fighters and RCMP members who tell it, "exactly like it is." Slide and video presentations, a walking tour of the Emergency and Intensive Care units, a question and answer session with emergency workers, an opportunity to meet and speak with former patients who have suffered head or spinal cord injuries and a memorable lunch session where participants will don the braces and devices that can be a reality in the aftermath of traumatic injury are all on the agenda. Students who have participated in the program in the past say it influenced them to think twice before ingesting alcohol and drugs, or to drive away without first buckling up. Dave Franz and Lloyd Tevendale are shown presenting a \$250 donation to DHS students (L to R: Aimee Hunter, Brian Pieper, Trisha Scott). Other local contributors to date include the Didsbury Credit Union and AG Foods.



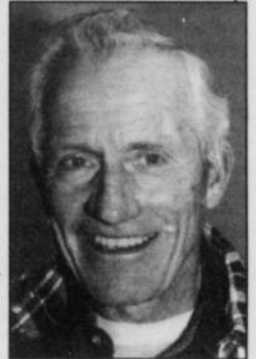
Opening the doors

Primrose Community Resource Centre Director Debbie Collins, joined members of the board last week in welcoming visitors to an open house event last week in Olds showcasing the programs and services the facility offers. Upcoming in Didsbury is "Nobody's Perfect", a group for parents of children up to five years old with topics of discussion to include stress, safety, healthy habits, behavior, nutrition, interests and stages. The sessions begin February 5 and run through to March 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. There is no charge and babysitting will be provided at St. Cyprian's Anglican Church. Collins said it often helps for parents to know others are experiencing the same challenges. "It helps to know you're not the only one who ever yells at their kids," she said with a smile. Registration may be made by calling 556-7161 or faxing 556-7195.

MCC Relief Sale returns to Didsbury

Members of the Mennonite Central Committee of Didsbury and surrounding communities are busily gearing up for the Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale, scheduled for July 4 and 5 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. Organizers hope to match or exceed the \$100,000 amount collected at the 1994 event. The books are open, with all expenses and earnings to be identified and publicly published. Proceeds from the sale assist people around the globe struck by natural and man-made disasters. Hundreds of volunteers are involved in convening the event; the local contingent is one of 13 scheduled to hold such a sale in Alberta, out of 39 in North America. The booths and auction feature new top quality merchandise donated by community businesses and/or produced by local residents: in the bakery section alone, coordinators anticipate approximately 800 home made pies will be up for sale. Hand made quilts and craft items will be also offered, along with a host of surprises and delights still in the planning stages. The event is traditionally a strong draw. At the 1994 edition for example, organizers anticipated around 400 would partake in the barbecue, when in fact, nearly 900 stopped for a meal. Henry Goerzen, a member of the executive organizing the event said those involved "are the children and grandchildren of the settlers in the area" who feel blessed to have grown up in the area with the benefits of being part of a generous community. They see the sale as a way of returning the blessing. "The essence is compassion," Goerzen said. The behind-the-scenes preparations take months to organize, but Goerzen and the other volunteers involved are enjoying every facet, calling it "a celebration of faith and heritage." While the MCC executive is spearheading the event, Goerzen said the sale involves the entire community. It is truly a family day, with fun happenings planned for both adults and children of all ages. In 1994 entertainment (such as hay rides) was provided for a nominal fee. As they paid their dimes and nickels, Goerzen said, the children experienced the joy of helping their fellow man, feeling a part of the celebration itself and having fun all at the same time.

Further announcements will be forthcoming as the sale approaches.



Valentine's Dance

The local chapter of the O.O.R.P. are hosting a Valentine's Day Dance on February 14 at the Elks Hall. This is the first year the Royal Purple have held a dance on Valentine's Day, and Sheila Metcalf, one of the event coordinators, said, "We are hoping that it will be a great success so that we can continue this." Tickets will be available at the door, which will open at 7 p.m., or you may contact Metcalf at 335-8124, Honored Royal Lady Betty Casebeer at 335-3823, or Shirley Thompson at 335-3787.



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In Business

Didsbury establishes Subdivision Authority

By Elaine Wilson

When the province disbanded provincially appointed planning groups in 1994, the Town of Didsbury administration began investigating the feasibility of establishing their own subdivision approving authority.

The passage of bylaw 97-03 at the January 28 council meeting formally established such a municipal Subdivision Authority.

Town of Didsbury Planning and Development officer, Robert Wigg, said that while much of what the Authority will deal with calls for simple "common sense", the expertise of professional planners will be utilized when required. There are a number of safeguards in place to ensure pro-

posed plans are instigated in an orderly and thoughtful manner.

"We're not professing to be planners," Wigg said, "But there are adequate opportunities in the private market place to provide planning advice and services to us."

Once the plans have been scrutinized by administration they go to the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) - which has two town residents as well as five town council members on board. The decision making process rests with the MPC; resolutions are not determined by administration.

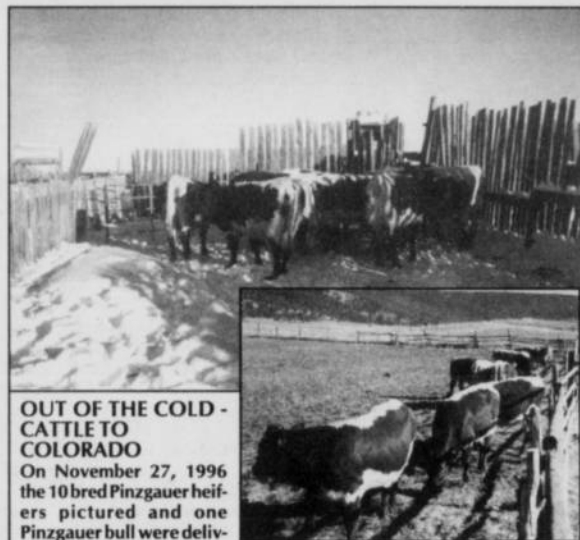
If it is determined that town land must be rezoned to accommodate the subdivision, a public

meeting is called, advertised and held in council chambers to allow input from town residents.

In all cases, guidelines spelled out in the General Municipal Plan must be adhered to.

The first subdivision application the Authority will be handling is a four acre parcel in the south west corner of town off 15th Avenue. The plan calls for 13 lots, zoned R1. Pending approval, Wigg said the new lots the subdivision will be welcome additions as only a handful of new building lots are currently available in Didsbury.

The public meeting date for rezoning the parcel has been set for March 11 at 7 p.m. in council chambers.



OUT OF THE COLD - CATTLE TO COLORADO

On November 27, 1996 the 10 bred Pinzgauer heifers pictured and one Pinzgauer bull were delivered to New Castle, Colorado. The 11 head of cattle were loaded on to a truck and trailer just northwest of Didsbury in -30° C temperatures. After 26 hours and a 1,328 mile trip, they were unloaded in -3° C weather. From the 11 head, nine of the heifers and the bull were purchased from 'Brian Braun Pinzgauer'. The 10th heifer was bought from Chinook Country Pinzgauer at Nanton, Alberta.

Photos courtesy Brian Braun

Olds Auction Market report

Report for week ending Tuesday, January 28, 1997. 731 cattle, 120 hogs.

BUTCHER CATTLE:

A1-2 Steers 73 to 79; A1-2 Heifers 72 to 78.

C1 Heiferettes 50 to 67; Feeder cows 44 to 58.

Grain fed and exotic 45 to 51; Medium flesh cows 40 to 45.

Older cows 36 to 40; Holstein cows 35 to 47.

Bologna bulls 43 to 52; Feeder bulls 49 to 60.

REPLACEMENT CATTLE:

250 - 380 lb. Steers 80 to 110; Heifers 70 to 90.

400 lb. Steers 80 to 114; Heif-

ers 70 to 100.

500 lb. Steers 80 to 114; Heifers 70 to 100.

600 lb. Steers 80 to 109; Heifers 70 to 91.

700 lb. Steers 80 to 95; Heifers 70 to 87.

800 lb. Steers 78 to 91; Heifers 70 to 87.

900 lb. Steers 74 to 84; Heifers 70 to 81.

1,000 lb. Steers 73 to 81; Heifers 70 to 79.

Bred cows 560 to 720.

DAIRY BARN:

Baby bull calves 25 to 135 with larger calves 140 to 180.

Baby heifer calves 20 to 110

with larger calves 115 to 165.

Dairy cows 500 to 800.

HOG DIVISION:

Weaner pigs 32 to 45.

Small feeders 46 to 68; Larger feeders 70 to 110.

Sows and Gilts 150 to 260;

Boars 80 to 140.

SHEEP AND GOATS:

Ewes 60; Feeder lambs 95; Nannies 62.50; Billies 75.

FEED:

Hay 3.00 to 5.10; Large round bales 55 to 70; Straw 1.10 to 2.00.

ALBERTA AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Regional Advisory Services

Merge with traffic on the Information Highway

By Joyce Lencucha,
Agri Food Development
Consultant
Red Deer District Office

I once heard someone talking about one of the freeways which runs through one of our major cities. "It's a great way to get there," he said, "if you know where you are going!"

Not a bad way to describe the Internet, is it? Like that friend in the unfamiliar city, you may find yourself struggling to come up to speed on the latest technology while trying to read the map and watching nervously for your exit ramp. They don't call it the Information Highway for nothing!

Although it seems new, even sudden, the Internet technology has been around since the 1970's when the U.S. defence department developed a system of communication links between their bases. Universities and researchers were quick to see the benefits of such an interconnected system, and the Internet was born.

What is the Internet?

Imagine an elaborate, world-wide spider web, connecting thousands and thousands of computers. Many of those computers are "web sites" which have "home

pages". These "home pages" contain information which, if you choose, can be "down loaded" to your computer and even printed for future reference.

The Internet can also be a fast, inexpensive means of communication. By using electronic mail or "E-mail" you can correspond with friends and relatives almost instantly, anywhere in the world at a fraction of the cost of a long distance telephone call.

How can I access the Internet?

If you have a computer and a telephone, all you need to do is call your local Internet service provider. This is a business which will connect you to "the Net" via your telephone. Your service provider will usually charge a flat fee for a given number of hours of Internet use per month, plus an hourly fee thereafter. Using the Internet is relatively inexpensive - often as low as a dollar an hour or less. (Telus also offers a service called Telus Planet and several time based subscription options.)

Did you know that Alberta Agriculture has one of the most frequently visited web-sites in North America? You can gather

information on everything from current crop reports to herbicide selection to government acts and regulations at any hour of the day, any day of the year!

Two up-coming seminars offered by Alberta Agriculture will be of real interest: "A Farmer's Guide to the Information Highway" will discuss everything from what equipment you will need to do business on the Information Highway to finding agricultural commodity and futures information to enhancing educational opportunities for all farm family members. Ten seminars will be held around the province from late January to mid-March.

The other seminar is "Practical Marketing of Your New Venture" and will cover business trends and developments, developing a marketing plan and using the World Wide Web to sell your products and services. Five seminars will be held from mid-February to early March.

For more information on dates and locations of either of these seminars contact the Airdrie Agriculture district office customer service representative at 948-8503 (310-0000 for toll free ac-

cess).

Deadline for Arable Acres Program

February 14/97 is the deadline for the Arable Acres Supplementary Program. All that is required on the application form is your social insurance or corporation/business number, a phone number and the signatures of all names on the land title. You do not have to list your acres on the application form as assessment information will be used to determine eligible acres.

Applications were mailed to owners of Alberta farm land in December and early January. If you owned arable land in Alberta as of February 27, 1995 and did not receive an application, contact the Arable Acres office at 1-800-422-1353.

Canola workshop

Grow canola? Want to increase your yields? Then plan to attend the Super Canola Workshop in Red Deer on February 10. Find out about herbicide tolerant varieties, weed control, Canola Production centre results, fertility management, root maggots and Alternaria blackspot. Space is limited so please phone 227-6565 to register.

Call for nominations for Alberta's pork industry leaders

Each year, the Alberta Pork Congress (APC) presents three awards: Herdsman of the year; Progressive Pork Producer; and, Pork Industry Leadership Award. The APC awards program acknowledges individuals who contribute the most to the pork industry of Alberta.

Announcement of this year's award winners will be made at the APC banquet on Wednesday, March 19, 1997 at the Capri Hotel in Red Deer. Deadline for nominations is January 31, 1997.

Nomination kits are available through the APC office at (403) 244-1487. For further information, contact Lisa Volk, assistant manager, APC at (403) 244-4487.

Saving wisely for retirement

RSPs still viable in low interest rate financial climate

As seniors make up an ever-increasing proportion of our population, the total amount of available public funding will have to be divided up among more and more elderly people.

Nor are private pension plans the answer for most of us. Less than 40 per cent of Canadians are members of an employer-sponsored pension plan. And just 10 per cent ever collect full benefits from these plans.

One viable alternative: contribute to your own RSP. Only 27 per cent of Canadian taxpayers are currently taking this route! (In Alberta 32 per cent make contributions.)

Canadians nearing retirement (age 55 and older) contribute more to their RSPs than any other group. Obviously, people who are at this stage of life tend to have more funds available for investing. Still, there's no question that these people have also finally recognized the need for retirement savings and are trying to catch up.

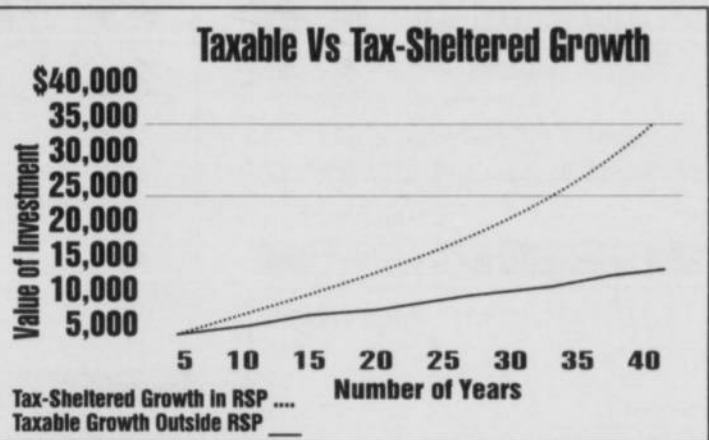
There are two key reasons why RSPs are the way to go.

1. You save taxes immediately. RSPs are fully deductible (up to your maximum) on your income tax return. In fact, they are one of the few remaining tax shelters that are truly effective.

2. The income that your RSP investment earns is not taxable until it is withdrawn. In other words, your money grows, tax-free, right up until it is withdrawn, usually on retirement.

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The accompanying graph shows the difference between tax-free compounding and taxable compounding. (Compounding is the increase in your investment because of



Innisfail Auction

Market report

Market report for January 29, 1997. 890 head.

STEER CALVES:

250 - 350 lb. average .80 - 1.00 per lb.

300 - 400 lb. average .85 - 1.06 per lb.

400 - 500 lb. average .88 - 1.10 per lb.

500 - 600 lb. average .90 - 1.07 per lb.

HEIFER CALVES:

400 - 500 lb. average .80 - .91 per lb.

500 - 600 lb. average .78 - .89 per lb.

600 - 800 lb. average .78 - .87 per lb.

YEARLING STEERS:

600 - 700 lb. average .88 - .97 per lb.

700 - 750 lb. average .85 - .95 per lb.

800 - 850 lb. average .84 - .88 per lb.

900 - 950 lb. average .82 - .84 per lb.

950 - 1,010 lb. average .82 - .84 per lb.

YEARLING HEIFERS:

700 - 800 lb. average .78 - .89 per lb.

FEEDER COWS:

.40 - .55 per lb.

BUTCHER COWS:

.35 - .52 per lb.

BULLS:

.48 - .54 per lb.

Market very strong on all classes of cattle.

John Murdoch of Eckville sold 505 lb. steer calves at 1.10/lb. to top the market.



Weather report

From Weather Station at Olds College for week ending Monday, February 3, 1997.

PRECIPITATION

For Week

Actual.....0 mm.

Normal.....4.2 mm.

Since April 1st (April thru Oct.)

Actual.....503.7 mm.

Normal.....392.0 mm.

TEMPERATURE

Max. High.....+10.0°C on Jan. 30/97

Min. Low.....-32.0°C on Jan. 27/97

Average temp for week.....-9.2°C

Normal average temp for week.....-10.7°C

Farmers for Justice now on World Wide Web

The Canadian Farmers for Justice have just become connected to the world by establishing a home page on the Internet.

Ken Dillon, spokesman for the CFFJ says "This will give us an extraordinary opportunity to communicate to the world about the incredible changes in conditions at home which is forcing farmers to reject the popular mythology surrounding government control of grain sales, and to tell the world we can no longer tolerate government expropriation of our grain."

CFFJ can be reached at www.agt.nat/public/nessman

SENIOR SOUR GAS FIELD OPERATOR

Canadian 88 Energy Corp. is seeking a Senior Field Operator for its sour and sweet gas operations in the Olds area of Alberta.

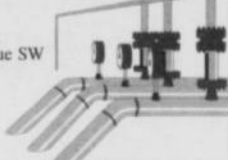
The candidate must have a minimum of 10 years diversified oil and gas operating experience of which 5 years must be sour gas well and gathering system related. Compressor and refrigeration plant experience is a prerequisite.

The candidate will be required to live in the Olds to Didsbury area for evening call outs and emergency response. Canadian 88 is looking for an energetic self starter, an initiator of ideas and a person who is willing to shoulder responsibility.

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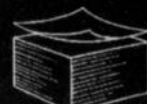
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Entertainer, recording artist, professional speaker, and fund-raising auctioneer -- Danny Hooper has been called one of western Canada's greatest natural resources. And he's coming to Didsbury for a very special, one night only performance on Thursday, April 24, 1997.

The Didsbury High School Bands are bringing Danny Hooper to deliver a show with a unique combination of comedy, musical talent, rapid-fire one-liners, and impersonations that are guaranteed to get any crowd going.

Born in Edmonton, Alberta, Danny got his first taste of the country as a teen when his family left the city to ranch near the town of Tomahawk. There, Danny began entertaining at socials and rodeo dances, which in turn led to a recording contract, and a Juno nomination for Best New Male Vocalist.

Danny is also an accomplished fund-raising auctioneer, and the DHS Bands are very excited about hosting Danny's show in April. The high school bands have honored our community with superb, award-winning performances for many years now. Their performances at various music festivals, band camps, and concerts have enhanced, not only our schools and the music programs, but the entire community, as these students are superb ambassadors for our town and county.

The DHS Band students re-

quire additional funds to help finance their many activities. The music program includes attendance at various band camps, and with those camps come the expenses associated with transportation, meals, and clinicians. There are entrance fees and bus expenses to participate in various music festivals throughout the province. There are the purchases of instruments to replace older ones, and to enhance the entire band. These are some of the expenses that the DHS Band is hoping this Danny Hooper fund-raiser will help cover.

Besides helping to promote our high school youth in their musical endeavours, you're going to have a terrific evening full of great music, side-splitting laughter, and quality entertainment. Throughout the Danny Hooper show, the audience will be able to participate in a Silent Auction full of unique items and great deals. Danny's incredible showmanship is guaranteed to keep crowds laughing and bidding on all the goodies during a live auction of fantastic items collected for this special event.

Watch for more information on this most exciting new fund-raising opportunity for the music students of the Didsbury High School. Proceeds from this April 24th event will be invested right in our school, and will go a long way to continuing our tradition of quality education.

And besides, it's going to be a whole lotta fun!



SILVER SMILES

Carley (left) and Cassandra Dietrich (right), age 7 travelled to Stettler January 19 where they competed in the Canskate/Canfigure skating competition. Carley placed 10th out of 19 entrants and Cassandra placed 4th out of 13 in their individual events. Carley and Cassandra placed second out of 12 in their pairs event winning the silver medal. Carley and Cassandra are in their third year as members of the Didsbury Figure Skating Club.

Alberta Junior Hockey League Standings 1996-97

Compiled February 2, 1997

	GP	W	L	SOL	GF	GA	PTS
Calgary Canucks	50	31	14	5	215	165	67
Fort McMurray Oil Barons	51	29	18	4	217	160	62
St. Albert Saints	50	29	18	3	187	187	61
Bow Valley Eagles	48	29	17	2	183	176	60
Sherwood Park Crusaders	50	28	19	3	190	188	59
Olds Grizzlys	49	25	21	3	202	185	53
Grande Prairie Storm	50	24	22	4	194	184	52
Bonnyville Pontiacs	49	23	23	3	198	222	49
Lloydminster Blazers	48	21	27	0	168	218	42
Fort Saskatchewan Traders	48	17	29	2	191	200	36
Calgary Royals	47	14	30	3	141	201	31

NOTE: One point awarded to the shoot-out loser. (SO/L)

Grizzlys falling quickly

Although the Olds Grizzlys are four games above .500, they are in danger of falling out of play-off contention.

The Grizzlys (who are currently battling with a four game losing streak), lost some important games this past week.

The first game was against the lowly 13-29-3 Calgary Royals. Olds got off to a quick start, jumping out to a 2-0 lead with goals by Scott Mackee, and Jared Croft. Jim Lawrence scored early in the middle frame providing Olds



with a 3-1 lead. However, two Calgary power play goals just 1:59 apart, tied things up in a hurry. The third period was dominated by the Grizz as they out-shot the Royals 15-6, but failed to beat netminder Travis Mail. The Royals scored the game winner with 8:32 left to pick up their fourteenth win of the season.

The next game was in Bow Valley, only three points ahead of them at the time. Once again Olds got on the board first as Ross Parsons

scored from Scott Mackee, and Brian Maloney. The Eagles had the lone goal of the second period, firing 13 shots at Grizzly goalie Ryan Ludwar.

And just like last game, Olds owned the third period in terms of shots as they held a 16-7 advantage over Bow Valley, but could not buy a goal. It was the Eagles who scored in the third to hand Olds their third defeat in a row.

The final game of the week at home Saturday night against the Sherwood Park Crusaders. This one wasn't even a contest as the Crusaders simply blasted the Grizzlys by a 5-1 score, leaving Olds just one point up on the seventh place Grande Prairie Storm.

Olds Grizzlys

The Grizzlys will have to turn the tables soon if they hope to pick up some lost ground. And their schedule this upcoming week, may in fact help them to just that. On Monday the 3rd a rematch was scheduled against the Bow Valley Eagles in Olds, and

on the following day they headed to Calgary for a second game against the Royals. They will close out the week playing a road game against the Lloydminster Blazers, who are also well behind in the standings with a 21-27-0 record.

**Didsbury Men's Open
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C-side runners-up - Didsbury: Wes Thomas, Gary Dolha, Harvey Perkins, Lyle Craven, skip.



A-side winners - Didsbury: Jim Wilson, skip, Carson Schultz, Jack Clarke, Terry Vermont.



C-side winners - Didsbury: Mike Phillips, Rick Phillips, Rod Collinge, skip, Steve Luft.



B-side runners-up - Carstairs: Terry Aarsby, skip, Bob Rowntree, Brian Basisty, Danny McKay.



A-side runners-up - Calgary: Brian Coppens, skip; Mike Hameluck, Harry Shulthies, Terry Shulthies.



B-side winners - Torrington: Brad Bauer, skip, Rick Fobes, Keith Folkman, Mike Bauer.

Local winners announced

The American Saddlebred Horse Association of Alberta recently held its Convention and Awards Banquet at the Red Deer Lodge, and a listing of the awards and their recipients follows:

Believer's Big Surprise - 142 points - owned by Donna Cooper, Calahoo, exhibited by Donna Cooper and Archie Hurst, Didsbury.

Wild Bill Sadler - 95 points - owned by Larry Mullen, exhibited by Karalee, Kent and Lance Mullen, Didsbury.

Spotless I Am - 79 points - owned by Shawna Henkel, exhibited by Shawna and Therese Henkel, Water Valley.

Gold Seals - Believer's Big Surprise, owned by Donna Cooper, Calahoo, exhibited by

Donna Cooper and Archie Hurst, Didsbury.

Silver Seals - Believer's Big Surprise, owned by Donna Cooper, Calahoo, exhibited by Donna Cooper and Archie Hurst, Didsbury; Spring's Celebrity - owned by Heather Zimmerman, exhibited by Stephanie Milner and Brittany Zimmerman, Olds.

Red Seals - WM Country Cruisin', owned by Jack and Verna McWade, Sylvan Lake, exhibited by Archie Hurst, Didsbury.

Sire Rating - #1 Sire - Silver Springs Conestoga, 375 points, owned by Roger Dye, Bowden.

In Hand Gelding - High Point Champion - Believer's Big Surprise, owned by Donna Cooper, Calahoo, exhibited by

Donna Cooper and Archie Hurst, Didsbury.

Country Pleasure Driving - Reserve Champion - Whispering Wind Evening Echo, owned by Archie Hurst, Didsbury, exhibited by Lorna Doiron, Didsbury; Tasha Kalke, Wetaskiwin; Karen McIntyre, Calgary.

Open Western Pleasure - High Point Champion - Spotless I Am, owned by Shawna Henkel, exhibited by Shawna and Therese Henkel, Water Valley.

5-Gaited - High Point Champion - Believer's Big Surprise, owned by Donna Cooper, Calahoo, exhibited by Donna Cooper and Archie Hurst, Didsbury. Reserve Champion - Attache's Legacy, owned and exhibited by Archie Hurst, Didsbury.

Canada's Sports Poet

Frank Pavlick

Curling is tough

Curling gets a person thinking,
Who is tough enough to play,
There's an awful lot of rough stuff,
In the curling words they say.

Curling started off with argue,
Who first played the 'Roaring Game',
Scotland says... "WE started curling",
Holland says... "WE did the same!"

Just to listen to them talking,
Being scared is not that hard,
Stealing makes a whole team happy,
As does burying a guard.

Never mind the people out there,
As if they're not wild enough,
How about rocks, always lying,
And the ones that bite, and stuff.

Hacking, sliding, gripping curling,
Lots more facts but these are some,
It's a good thing for refreshments,
Or weak curlers might not come.



Chestermere Lakers dominate senior boys basketball tournament

For years, the Chestermere Lakers have been considered a premier senior boys basketball team throughout the province. And this past weekend, the Lakers lived up to their provincial accreditations by capturing the 11th Annual Didsbury Dragons Senior Boys Invitational Basketball Tournament by defeating the Hugh Sutherland Kodiaks (Carstairs) Kodiaks 84 to 74 in the championship game.

It was the third time in tournament history the Lakers have emerged victorious.

By advancing to the championship game, the Hugh Sutherland Kodiaks will probably climb into the top ten ranking for Alberta 2A basketball standings.

During the tournament, the Kodiaks exhibited a consistent offence coupled with at times an explosive offence to become the Cinderella team of the tournament.

From the opening tip off, many followers of 2A basketball within the province, felt the powerful

offence of the Lakers would take control of the game dumping points into the basket with ease. However a strong defensive effort by the Kodiaks forced the Lakers to the outside of the court, preventing the Chestermere squad from dominating the court down the centre, where most of their offence is generated.

At the sound of the half time buzzer, the Lakers held a 35 to 28 advantage. During the second half, the Lakers appeared to take control of the game building a fifteen point spread early in the half. But to the dismay of the Lakers, the Kodiaks regrouped and slowly chipped away at the Lakers lead.

Offensively, the Kodiaks were paced by Ryan Bailey with a total of 18 points, while Jason Bessey connected for 17 points.

Despite being defeated in the championship game, Kodiak's coach, Scott Cameron was pleased with the effort of the players, praising them for their determination to win.

Throughout the tournament

Cameron indicated the Kodiaks played solid games right from the opening tip off to the final buzzer.

"A lot of credit has to be given to the players. They came to play each and every game and never gave up," Cameron said.

It was the Kodiaks will to win, which led them to an undefeated tournament record heading into the championship game. The Kodiaks started off the tournament by defeating Olds 69 to 60. In their second game, they defeated Edmonton Christian 61 to 57 and finished off the round robin play by upsetting Strathcona Christian, the number three ranked Boys 2A basketball team within the province 67 to 62.

Since the Dragons Senior Boys basketball tournament attracts the province's premiere Boys 2A basketball teams, and many of the teams use it as a primer for the upcoming zone and provincial playoffs.

"Every team the Kodiaks played in the tournament has been ranked within the top ten in the province," Cameron said.

"This is an excellent tournament, especially for the teams heading into zone and provincial play," Cameron noted.

"The calibre in this tournament is top notch and it is a tournament all the better teams within the province want to participate in."

"We were really happy to be invited to the tournament and hope to be back next year," Cameron commented.

Cameron noted the Didsbury tournament is definitely considered a primer.

Meanwhile, the host Didsbury Dragons were not as successful as the Kodiaks. Although the Dragons failed to win a game, coach Chris Overwater remained positive about the Dragons experience.

"Our team struggled a little during the tournament," Overwater said.

"Right now we are playing teams a little over our heads. Although the results of the tournament were disappointing for the Dragons, the players can build upon their experience. The tournament gave the Dragons the opportunity to compare their team against the top ranked provincial teams."

"By playing the higher calibre teams in this tournament, it gave our players an understanding of what we have to do to become more successful and competitive," Overwater said.

In fairness to the Dragons, the high school basketball undergoing a change in Didsbury with a different complexion in a new coach and several new players to the team.

"The players are learning more about the coaching philosophy and I am learning more about them," commented Overwater.

According to Overwater the basketball program has always been strong during the past years. It really is not being rejuvenated but rather undergoing a change to interest more players.

"The problem we have in Didsbury is the players only have the opportunity to play basketball four months a year," Overwater mentioned.

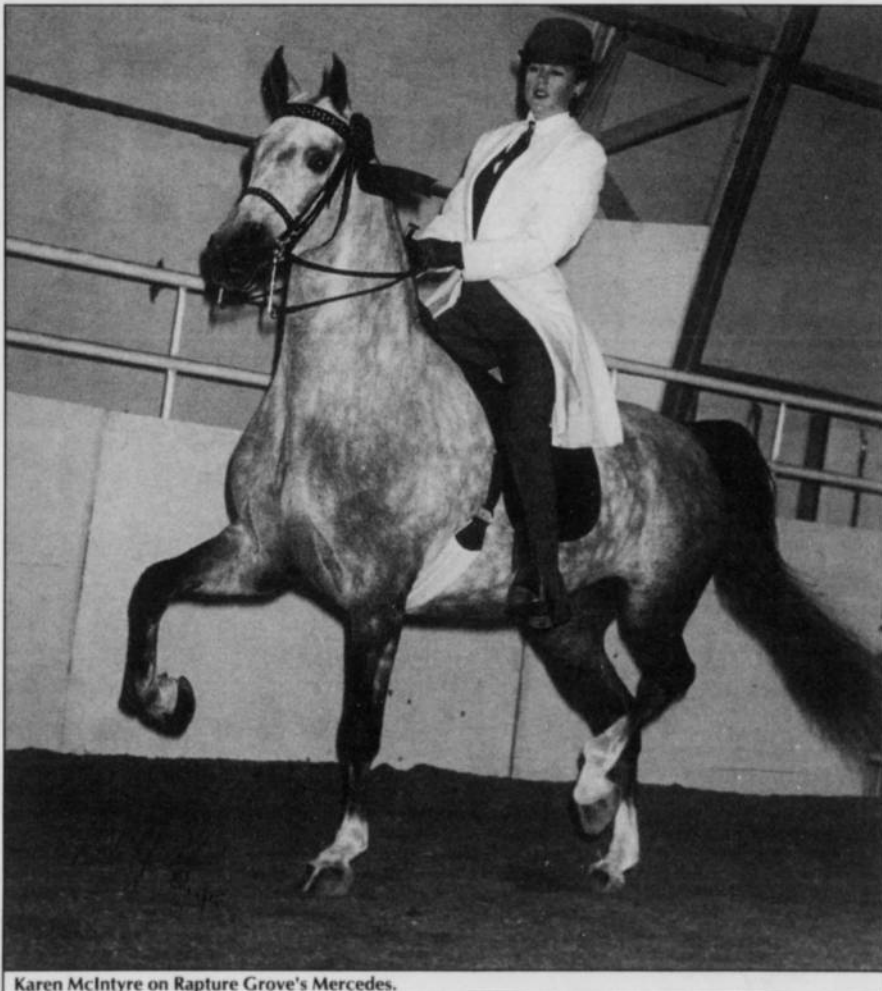
"Right now, the goal of the coaches is to assist the players in becoming more involved with the game. We have to encourage the kids to become involved in the basketball camps held throughout the province," Overwater commented.

The coaches say improvement, rather than winning is more important to the overall success of the basketball program at the high school level.

"All and all, I am exceptionally happy with the basketball program" concluded Overwater.

Award of Excellence - 1996

Rapture Grove's Mercedes



Karen McIntyre on Rapture Grove's Mercedes.

Rapture Grove's Mercedes is owned by John and Laraine McIntyre of Calgary, exhibited by their daughter Karen, and trained by Archie Hurst of Cloverleaf Equestrian Centre of Didsbury.

After three years of showing, this dappled gray Country Pleasure mare has joined the elite of the American Saddlebred Horse Association of Alberta as just the sixth horse to achieve the "Award of Excellence". To receive this award, a total of at least 500 points must be earned including 31 first placings in both performance and line classes.

Rapture Grove's Mercedes was the 1995 Provincial High Point American Saddlebred, as well as Champion 3-Gaited English Country Pleasure Horse, Champion Open Pleasure Horse and Reserve Champion In-Hand Mare. 1996 saw Mercedes again as Champion 3-

Gaited English Country Pleasure Horse, Champion In-Hand Mare, and close second in the Provincial High Point standings. Karen received the ASHA State Award as 3-Gaited Country Pleasure Champion Rider.

Karen McIntyre has been involved in horse shows for eight years; she started Mercedes on the show circuit and has been showing this eight-year-old mare for the past three years. Karen will receive her B.Sc. in Psychology from the University of Calgary in the spring of this year.

At the conclusion of the 1996 show season Rapture Grove's Mercedes, exhibited by Karen McIntyre and trained by Archie Hurst, has an accumulated total of 542 points with 38 performance firsts and 11 line firsts.

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DIDSBURY MINOR HOCKEY

Atom C news

The Atom C's lost two and won one, in the last three games played.

On January 11, the Olds Pee Wee Girls came to town. The girls were a strong and aggressive team and won the game with the score of 7-3. Goal scorers for Didsbury were: Robert Haskett, Jessie Trenholm, Will Harvie (assisted by Nathan Archer). Excellent defensive work by Ross Sundberg and Nathan Archer, who stood up to the girls that towered over them.

On January 18, the Atom C's travelled to Sundre. The game was very exciting with lots of end to end action. Despite the fact Didsbury dominated the first period, Sundre came out ahead with two late goals. Early in the second period, Nick Kurtz put the puck in the net making the score an exciting 2-1. Didsbury then went to sleep and Sundre took advantage scoring two goals late in the period and three more goals seconds apart early in the third. Didsbury's only other goal was scored by Steven Meyer assisted by Chris Gole. Final score: 10-2. Will Harvie had a good game with many shots on net and as always demonstrated a positive attitude and strong leadership.

On February 1, Carstairs hosted our team. Steven Meyer opened up the scoring early in the game with a goal assisted by Robert Haskett. Ten minutes later Steven scored again assisted by Robert Haskett and Chris Gole. Nick Kurtz scored two in a row assisted by Les Marsten and Will Harvie. Charles Weber made the score 5-3 with a breakaway goal.

Early in the second period Chris Gole scored and with three minutes left in the second Ben May, with a breakaway, put it top shelf. Great saves were made by Brad Dowell keeping Carstairs down to one goal in the period.

In the third period Robert Haskett scored and with one minute left in the game Will Harvie scored (assisted by Robert). Final score: 9-5.

Didsbury played well as a team and there were some excellent passing plays displayed in all three lines. Also it was a great defensive game for Joel Logan, Jaskson Meston, Charles Weber, Ross Sundberg and Ben May. Awesome work, team!

ICE SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 6

7:25 - 9:20 - Bantam "A"

Friday, February 7

7:30 - 9:00 - Pee Wee "B"

Saturday, February 8

8:00 - 9:30 - Tyke #1 vs. Cremona #2

9:45 - 11:15 - Novice #2 vs. Bowden

11:30 - 1:00 - Novice #3 vs. Torrington

1:15 - 3:15 - Atom "C" vs. Olds #3

3:30 - 5:30 - Pee Wee "C" vs. Chestermere

5:45 - 7:45 - Bantam "C" vs. Airdrie

Sunday, February 9

9:45 - 11:15 - Pee Wee "C"

11:30 - 1:30 - Bantam "A"

Novice #2 Huskies play great

By Travis Dietrich

The Didsbury Huskies played against the Didsbury Novice #3 team January 25, 1997. It was a good game. The score was tied 2-2 after the first period. In the second period we did lots of passing and we scored five goals. The final score was 7-3 for us.

On February 1 we travelled to Olds. We played very well. Jordan Neufeld played wicked and only let one goal in all game. We had a lot of fun playing. Didsbury Huskies won 8-1. Now all the players on the Didsbury Huskies have scored a goal. Yeah!



DIDSBURY NOVICE 2

Don Edwards, Bruce Robertson, Colin McEwen (Coaches).

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Lots of action for Didsbury Tykes #1

On Sunday, February 2, the Didsbury Tykes #1's travelled to Sundre to take on the Sundre Tykes. First period action saw Michael Arnold chalk up four goals.

Keenan Christensen and

Michael Arnold both recorded goals and assists in period two. This was a game full of challenging, end-to-end action and it was a chance for these Tykes to display their awesome teamwork. (Eat your hearts out, Calgary Flames!)

Dakota Uhrich and Keenan Christensen scored two goals

each in the third period and Michael Arnold got an assist to end the game with a score of Sundre 14, Didsbury 11.

Matt Metka and Zachary Belitsky stepped up to the challenge of goaltending and shared the duty in net. Didsbury Tykes #1 play their next game on Saturday, February 8 at 8 a.m.

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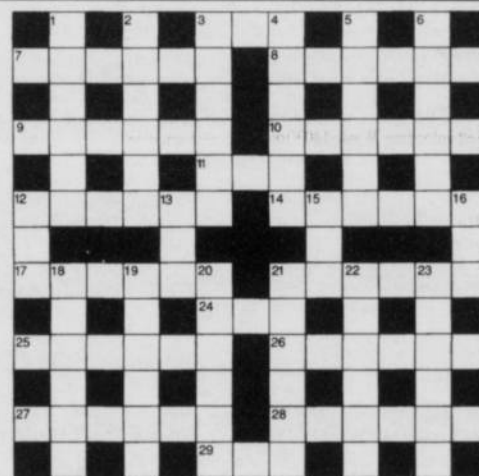
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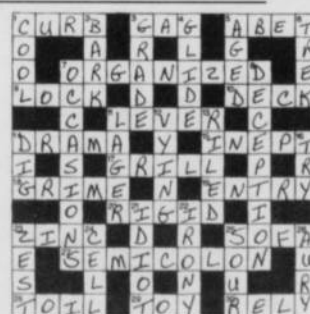
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- If interested apply to Vida by February 14, 1997. State Competition number. 41-1t

210 - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

JOURNEYMAN WELDER. Applications are invited from persons interested in the position of journeyman welder II, having 2 - 3 years experience. Commencement date - March 3, 1997. Application deadline - February 14, 1997. Vern Fletcher, Public Works Superintendent, County of Paintearth No. 18, Box 509, Castor, AB, T0C 0X0. Phone 403-882-3131. awna1-6

Mountain View Funeral Chapels in Olds has an immediate opening for a full time secretary/receptionist. The successful candidate will have a professional telephone manner, superior people skills, and be able to work with minimal supervision. Computer knowledge and excellent typing skills a must. Please submit your resume stating your qualifications, work experience and salary expectations to Nadine Armishaw, General Manager, Mountain View Funeral Chapels 5226-46 St., Olds, Alberta T4H 1B8. 41-1t

220 - WORK WANTED

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39-3t

CRIMINAL RECORD? Canadian pardon seals record. United States waiver allows legal entry without risk of arrest, deportation or property seizure. For a free consultation 403-229-1200.

awna1-6

410 - NOTICES

Notice to Creditors and Claimants

Estate Of
GEORGE HUGH BOYCE
who died on September 12, 1996

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by March 7, 1997 with

The Public Trustee for the
Province of Alberta
at 2100 Telus Tower
411 - 1st Street S.E.
Calgary, AB T2G 4Y5
Phone: (403) 297-6541
Fax: (403) 297-2823

If you do not file by the date above, the estate property can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may have.

Creditors: you must include a full description and value of the debt you allege the deceased owes you and a full description and value of any of the deceased's property that you hold as security for the debt. Claimants: you must include a full description of your claim and why you have a right to make such a claim.

41-1t

Notice to Creditors and Claimants

Estate Of
ANNA MARIE PAPKE
who died on January 11, 1997

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by March 7, 1997 and provide details of your claim with

Vernon E. Good,
Barrister & Solicitor,
solicitor for the Personal
Representative
at 2nd Floor, 2012 - 20th
Street
P.O. Box 1027,
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40-2t

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awna1-6

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41-2t

540 - FOR RENT

For Rent In Didsbury: 3 bedroom townhouses. 1½ baths, stove, fridge, laundry hook ups, fenced yards. Rents \$500, damage deposit \$300. Includes water, sewer & garbage pick up. No dogs. Phone 335-2347.

46-tfnc

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41-2t

540 - FOR RENT

DIDSBURY MANOR
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37-tfnc

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29-tfnc

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37-tfnc

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40-2t

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41-1t

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41-4t

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38-4t

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40-2t

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810 - ENGAGEMENT

Sherry Williams and Barry Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Diedrick Sawatzky wish to announce the engagement of their children Shannon Lee and Jason Martin to be married in Carstairs at the Church of God, February 22, 1997.

41-1t

820 - COMING EVENTS

The family of Mrs. May (M.E.) Archer invites you to an open house 90th birthday celebration Saturday, February 8 from 2-4 p.m. at the McDougall Chapel, Sundre. No gifts.

40-2t

Co-ed Shower for Shannon Williams and Jason Sawatzky at the Mountain View Hall February 16 at 2 p.m. Potluck supper.

41-1t

830 - CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Emma Fischer wish to thank Dr. Ahmad, the Nursing Home, and D.D.H.S. staff for fourteen years of excellent care of our mother. Our thanks also go to Rev. Malcolm Proffitt and Dr. Ken Jordan; to Ken Sherrick, Edna Janssen, July Fillmore and the United Church Women; to friends for memorial donations, flowers, cards, phone calls and gifts of food brought to our homes. Your kindnesses will never be forgotten. Lloyd, Erna, Raymond, Clair, Ronald and families.

41-1t

CLASSIFIEDS

830 - CARD OF THANKS

Many thanks to Dr. James, the staff in emergency and all the caregivers at the Didsbury Health Centre. Thank you to our family and friends for prayers, food and all your love.

Herman and Wynne Wollen 41-1t

840 - OBITUARY

Craig - Miss Gladys Craig passed away January 26, 1997 in her 83rd year, after a lengthy illness in Calgary, Alberta. Surviving are niece, Mary and husband Douglas Warren and their daughters, Marika and Michelle all of Edmonton, Alberta; and a niece, Catherine and husband Bruce Florman and their children, Mitchell and Rachel all of Noblesville, Indiana, U.S.A. as well as other relatives in Sweden, Scotland and parts of Canada. She was predeceased by her mother, Hilma Craig in 1952, by her father, Ed Craig in 1964, and by her sister, Lillian Cowie in 1975. Born in Calgary February 15, 1914, she came with her parents and sister to the district of Zella in 1920, and were among W.W.I veterans to settle on homesteads in this area, west of the town of Didsbury in Alberta. A memorial service was held at the Calgary Crematorium Chapel, 3219 - 4 Street N.W. (within the valley of Queen's Park Cemetery) on Thursday, January 30, 1997 at 1 p.m., with Rev. Dr. David J. Crawford of the Presbyterian Church in Canada officiating. Following cremation, her remains will rest in the family plot in Didsbury Cemetery. If desired, memorial tributes may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta, 1825 Park Road S.E., Calgary, AB T2G 3Y6. Arrangements in care of Heritage Family Funeral Services "Calgary Crematorium Chapel". 41-1t

850 - IN MEMORIAMs

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860 - PERSONALS

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880 - BIRTHS

Born to Dave and Kirsten Phillips a son, Christopher John on January 26, 1997 at 1:20 a.m., weighing 8 lbs. 6 ozs. A brother for Emily. 41-1t

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Keep a sharp eye on safety

By Eric Jones

Agriculture sharps waste includes needles, syringes, pharmaceutical bottles and related items that could cause punctures or cuts. An evaluation project on the disposal of agricultural sharps in Alberta was initiated last spring. An overview of some current practices and concerns is now available in the project's final report.

"Needle injuries are quite common," says Eric Jones, farm safety specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development. "Of the Alberta farmers participating in the project, 64 per cent received some kind of needle injury during the year."

During the project, feedlots were provided with disposal drums for their sharps and five disposal alternatives were piloted in different communities.

"Survey participants had many suggestions on how to prevent needle injuries," says Jones. "Greater awareness of the hazards of working with sharps and decreasing the number of injuries was the main reason for the project. Environmental safety, proper incineration of the materials involved and a positive, responsible image of livestock producers and the cattle sector are additional benefits."

During the project, hard plastic containers of different sizes were supplied to 100 producers. The producers were to rate the containers on convenience, cost

and types of lids. The most popular size of container is the five-gallon pail for all waste. Some participants chose to separate needles into smaller containers and use a separate pail for all other materials.

Disposal methods were also tested. The most common disposal practice was to burn sharps waste with regular garbage and then take it to a landfill. Each of the five participating districts were asked to try different disposal methods.

"The suggestions for disposal methods received were mostly to make it easier for producers to adopt safe sharps disposal," says Jones. "This includes convenient and regular local drop-off sites. Drayton Valley Municipal Landfill has a drop-off area for sharps waste beside their pesticide collection container site that is convenient and efficient. Drop-off location at local veterinary clinics where producer sharps are placed in with the clinic's sharps waste also seemed to work well. Better, safer alternatives are what's needed."

Strathmore and the Lethbridge area have a producer drop-off at their landfills where sharps waste is picked up and incinerated at BOVAR Biomedical. Many individual producers and feedlots have already arranged specifically for BOVAR Biomedical pick up on their site and incineration of all sharps waste, they are billed ac-

cordingly.

"The sharps project was effective in promoting safety and taking responsible care of this type of waste," adds Jones. "Many of the participating producers are continuing with a sharps disposal program by recycling old plastic containers on their farms and utilizing the labels supplied by Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development and BOVAR Biomedical or by arranging for safe disposal and incineration."

For a copy of the Farm Safety SHARPS Project final report, or for more information on the project and farm safety, contact Eric Jones at (403) 427-4231. Government numbers are toll-free by dialing 310-0000 to connect to a RITE operator.

MP enters Pearson Airport debate

The federal Liberals are still refusing to take responsibility for their misguided cancellation of the Pearson Airport development contract, creating a situation that threatens to cost taxpayers far more than the Airbus fiasco or the cancelled Somalia Inquiry combined, says Reform MP Myron Thompson.

"The plaintiffs in the Pearson suit are claiming up to \$662 million in damages from the government," said Thompson. "Yet there's still no sign of

any accountability from the government or Mr. Rock. It's precisely this kind of 'pass the buck' mentality that is causing the Canadian people to lose faith in their politicians and political institutions.

"At this point in time it looks as if Canadian taxpayers may have to pony up close to \$100 million if there is another out of court settlement. This is once again a very costly mistake that we have no choice but to pay for."

THE PROGRAM

OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

GET WITH THE PROGRAM
If you are a non-profit organization and would like your events included in the Community Calendar 'free of charge' -one time only-, please call **Becky at 335-3301**

Ongoing events

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. **tfn**

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous, Carstairs Catholic Parish, 302 - 11 Ave., Carstairs, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Further info. 337-3619 (Teri). **tfn**

DIDSBURY

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Betty at 335-3994 or Vivian at 335-3730. **tfn**

AL-ANON

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Friday at 8:30 p.m. in EV Church, next to Post Office, Didsbury. More info. 337-2622 **tfn**

TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library: Hours Tuesdays and Saturdays 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the Anglican Church Hall basement. Large selection of toys. More info. call Susan at 335-8540. **tfn**

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome. **tfn**

KING HIRAM LODGE MEETING

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250. **tfn**

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 8:00 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Marge Steckler at 335-4281. **tfn**

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Won't you join us at the Museum on the 1st Thursday of every month from 2 - 4 p.m. for coffee. Everyone is welcome, newcomers to town come and get acquainted. We have lots to see, take a look back in history. There is no charge but of course donations are always welcome. The museum is also open on Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. weekly. We're located at 2118 - 21st Ave. For more info. call 335-9295. **tfn**

RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junk mail, plastic milk jugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins. **tfn**

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall. **tfn**

CANSURMOUNT

You are not alone. Cansurmout & Reach to Recovery, Olds, Didsbury and surrounding communities have a local group of trained volunteers who offer support to families and patients who have cancer. Please call 335-3341 for more information. **tfn**

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Lions bartending service, call Rudy 335-9191. Lions grill rental, call Jim, 335-8193, 335-9936. **tfn**

DIDSBURY

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location. **tfn**

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Kim at 335-9645 or Rick at 335-9525. **tfn**

LONE PINE

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514. **tfn**

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540. **tfn**

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Olds Gamblers Anonymous, 5022 - 52nd St., basement, Wednesday, 7 - 9 p.m. Open meetings, first Wednesday of every month. **tfn**

SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. at the Deer Meadow School, Olds. **tfn**

SUNDRE

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous Wednesdays, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736. **tfn**

ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277. **tfn**

AL-ANON

Al-Anon, Sundre United Church basement. Wednesday 8 p.m. More info 638-3277. **tfn**

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Upcoming events

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DANCE 5-0 CLUB

Join the people who love to dance and enjoy the toe tapping music February 7 at 8 p.m. Door prize and lunch to follow. Admission \$3. Information at 335-8535.

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PANCAKE SUPPER

Pancake supper at St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, February 11 starting at 5 p.m. Salads, etc. will also be served. Adults \$6, 6-12 \$3, preschool free.

ZELLA

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Didsbury Health Services Hospital Auxiliary will hold their annual meeting Thursday, February 13, 2 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. Everyone most welcome.



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